

Bless Your Heart Blueberry Bush



Early Season	Mid-Season	Late Season
Austin / Alapaha	Bluebelle	Baldwin
Becki Blue/	Brightwell	Centurion
Climax / Premier	Chaucer	Choice
Vernon/ Titan	Powderblue	Delite
Woodard	Tifblue	Ochlockonee

Vaccinium ashei 'Alapaha' / 'Bless Your Heart'

- **Use:** Part of the Georgia River Series, Alapaha is a 2001 release of the University of Georgia. It flowers after Climax however fruit ripens about the same time as Climax. Plants have very vigorous upright growth with narrow crowns. The fruit is medium in size with excellent color, firmness, and yields; it also has a dry stem scar, which means it is good for freezing. It is recommended to be planted with cultivars that bloom at a similar time such as Austin and Premier for pollination. Chilling requirement is 450 to 550 hours
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers light, acid soils (pH 4.5-5.2) with high organic matter (20-50%) are preferred, unlike most fruit crops.
- **Growth:** Moderate, 4-10' tall and wide; best if pruned.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-9; shrub
- **Pollination:** Plant more than one variety for cross-pollination to promote adequate fruit set. Also, choosing varieties from the different ripening categories provides a broad harvest season.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Bluish-green foliage.
- **Flower:** *Elevate your recipes and landscape with this vigorous rabbiteye blueberry that yields many medium to large berries known for their appealing color, flavor, firmness and shelf life. White flowers grace this disease and pest resistant shrub. You'll love its compact, upright habit, heat tolerance and versatility in the garden (and kitchen). Plant with Takes the Cake™ or other rabbiteye varieties for best fruit set.* Berries are blue-black color; good fruit quality. Fruit mature in about 90 days from bloom. **More info from UGA on our website on the PLANT INFORMATION PAGE.**

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