

# Climax Rabbiteye Blueberry Bush



A few unique features of the Climax Blueberry include:

- Low chilling hours
- Very large size
- Large harvests
- Bears first fruit sooner than many varieties

## *Vaccinium ashei* 'Climax'

- **Use:** The Climax Blueberry is a Rabbiteye variety and was first introduced in 1974 by researchers at the University of Georgia. And since hitting the market, the Climax has become the gold standard for early ripening Rabbiteye berries planted throughout the south and southeast regions. The birds too will try to beat you to the bounty, so invest in some good netting if you don't want to share.
- **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. [Google "UGA Home Garden Blueberries" for more info on pruning.](#)
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-9; Shrub Unaffected by late winter or early spring freezes better than most other varieties.
- **Pollination:** Cross pollinator preferred; must choose 2 different plants from same column in chart at left or adjacent columns for the biggest blueberry crop.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Bluish-green foliage. Red and yellow fall foliage.
- **Flower:** Berries are small to medium size with good color, flavor and small dry scars. Fruit firmness is excellent. The taste has just a touch of spice within a very sweet flavor. It can bear fruit within its first year, and one bush can produce up to 15 pounds of berries each year! 400-450 chill hours. Protect from late spring frosts.

Early Season	Mid-Season	Late Season
Austin Alapaha Climax Premier Vernon Titan	Brightwell Powderblue Tifblue	Baldwin Centurion <b>Ochlockonee</b>

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