

Powder Blue Rabbiteye Blueberry Bush



Vaccinium ashei 'Powder Blue'

- **Use:** Powder Blue Blueberry is a rabbiteye type, so named because the berries are pink before transitioning to their ripe blue. Rabbiteye Blueberries are known for being sweeter, hardier and have a tendency to freeze better and also known for their health benefits, vitamins and antioxidants among other beneficial attributes! 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:** Delicate white flowers in late spring-early summer and this is especially helpful, not just for its beauty but because a late bloom helps protect your Blueberry from late freezes. Ripening mid to late season, the berries are large and light blue! The effect of the clusters up to 50 of pretty berries against the green foliage is enchanting, only contributed to by the powdered look of the berries, as if sprinkled with fairy dust as they await the excitement of the harvest. Berries are medium size with a very light blue color, small dry stem scars, and average firmness and flavor. Fruit are less susceptible to cracking and hangs on the bush better than Tifblue. 500-600 chill hours.

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

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