



2023 Assorted Fruits and Berries

All trees sold at Backbone Valley Nursery are varieties recommended by Texas A&M for our local area.

Blackberries	Chilling Hours	Pollinizer Required?	Ripening Period	Description
Arapaho	400-500	Self-fertile	Mid-June	Thornless variety. Disease resistant with a long shelf life. Fast grower. Sweet flavor.
Apache	400-500	Self-fertile	Mid-June	Thornless with very upright canes. Very large fruit. Excellent flavor.
Brazos	500	Self-fertile	Mid-late May	A thorny variety that is more acidic and better for canning than fresh eating. Heavy producer of large berries.
Kiowa	200-300	Self-fertile	Mid-June	A thorny upright berry that produces a very large fruit. Harvest season begins in mid-June. Great for eating, juice or wine.
Natchez	500	Self-fertile	Mid-June	Thornless variety, large berries that store well. Semi-upright.
Ouachita	300	Self-fertile	Mid-late June	A thornless variety with very upright and erect canes. The large berries have excellent flavor and produce prolifically.
PrimeArk 45	300	Self-fertile	June-July	A thorny Primocane-bearing blackberry with an erect growth habit. Floricanes ripen in mid summer and primocanes ripen in the fall. Firm, medium fruit with extended harvest.
PrimeArk Freedom	500	Self-fertile	Summer-Fall	A great thornless blackberry for the home garden. Fall-bearing on primocanes and earlier on floricanes.
PrimeArk Traveler	300	Self-fertile	June-July	A thornless upright grower that produces on primocanes in June to July. Glossy fruit with high quality flavor.
Sweet Pie	400	Self-fertile	mid-late July	A thornless variety developed by the USDA in Mississippi with large, sweet fruit. Resistant to double blossom. Heat tolerant.
Blueberries (Rabbiteye)	Chilling Hours	Pollinizer Required?	Ripening Period	Description

Blueberries require acid soils and are best grown in large, half-whisky barrel sized pots filled with 50/50 peat moss and potting soil. They are quite winter hardy and have beautiful fall color. Use an acidic fertilizer when new growth emerges, then again six weeks later. Repeat after harvest. Keep soil on the moist side. They require at least 8 hours of sun to thrive.

Brightwell	350-400	yes	early June-early July	Medium sized fruit which ripens in mid-season. Plant with Tifblue, Climax, Premier or Powder Blue for greater yields.
Climax	450	yes	Late May-early June Late Sept.-early Nov.	Gold Standard for early ripening blueberries in the south. Large fruit and large harvests are typical. Plant with Tifblue.
Powder Blue	550-650	yes	late June-late July	Medium sized, light blue fruit with good production. Use Brightwell or Tifblue as a pollinizer.

Blueberries (Rabbiteye)	Chilling Hours	Pollinizer Required?	Ripening Period	Description
Premier	550	yes	Late May-early June	A great blueberry for Texas with large, high-quality berries. Plant with Climax as a pollinizer.
Pink Lemonade	200	yes/no	July	This unique blueberry has fruit that is PINK when ripe! It is somewhat self-fruitful but will bear larger crops when planted with another Rabbiteye variety.
Tifblue	600-650	yes	late June-late July	Self-fruitful but pollinizer recommended for better yields. (Brightwell is pollinizer.) Small-medium-sized berries are tart if not fully ripe.
Grapes	Chilling Hours	Pollinizer Required?	Ripening Period	Description
Black Spanish	N/A	no	August-September	Black Spanish is a red wine grape that is tolerant of Pierce's disease. It is also good for making jelly.
Blanc du Bois	N/A	no	July	Popular for making white table wine, jelly, or juice. Hints of a floral-citrus flavor. Tolerant of Pierce's disease and resistant to Powdery Mildew.
Champanel	N/A	no	Early July	Large, vigorous, semi-seedless red grape with tolerance to Pierce's disease. Makes a fruity-flavored red wine, great jelly and a table grape when fully ripened.
Flame Seedless	N/A	no	September	A red seedless table grape with a crisp flavor. Prefers a pH of 6.5. This one is found in grocery stores.
Mars	N/A	no	August-September	One of the most disease-resistant bunch grapes available. Produces medium-sized clusters of blue seedless table grapes. Flavor is similar to Concord and very sweet.

Victoria Red	N/A	no	early July	A 2-seeded table grape with large red berries borne in large clusters. Tolerant to Pierce's Disease. Skin is tender and resists cracking.
Persimmon	Chilling Hours	Pollinizer Required?	Ripening Period	Description
Fuyu Jiro	200	no	Oct.15-Nov. 30	Medium sized, flat shaped fruit. Crunchy when ripe. Non-astringent.
Pomegranate	Chilling Hours	Pollinizer Required?	Ripening Period	Description
Wonderful	150-200	Self-fertile	October	Extra large fruit with blush red skin. Flesh red, juicy with sharp flavor. Most well-known of the Pomegranates.
Texas Pink	150-200	Self-fertile	September	Medium sized pink to dark red fruit with med-large sized edible pink seeds. Red flowers in the spring with fruit ripening in the fall.
Figs	Chilling Hours	Pollinizer Required?	Ripening Period	Description
Black Italian	N/A	Self-fertile	Early Summer and again in Late Summer	Large tree with red pulped, black-skinned fruit. Two crops each year. First on old wood, second crop on new wood.
Black Mission	N/A	Self-fertile	Early Summer and again in Fall	Produces two crops of sweet, highly desirable figs per year. Figs have purple-black skin and light strawberry flesh with a medium open eye.
Brown Turkey	N/A	Self-fertile	May, then again in late June-Aug.	Medium sized fig with violet-brown skin and reddish amber flesh. Very sweet with a nearly closed eye.
Celeste	N/A	Self-fertile	Mid June	Small to medium fruit with purple brown skin. Flesh white with rose center. Firm, juicy, and very sweet.
Chicago Hardy	N/A	Self-fertile	Late Summer to Early Fall	A Zone 7, cold-hardy fig that produces medium sized figs with dark skin and red flesh. Small to closed eye.
GE Nari	N/A	Self-fertile	Late Summer to Early Fall	Produces tennis ball sized purple fruit with a sweet reddish flesh. Requires heat to ripen. Open eye. Grows 10' x 10'.
Kadota	N/A	Self-fertile	Late Summer to Early Fall	A commercial type fig from Calif. A fall producer of sweet greenish yellow fruit. Eye is open but with resin to prevent spoilage.
LSU Purple	N/A	Self-fertile	June, then July-Sept.	Medium sized purple to burgundy skin with light amber to light red pulp with excellent flavor. Nematode resistant with a closed eye.
Little Miss Figgy	N/A	Self-fertile	Late summer	4-6' x 3-4' dwarf form. Great in containers with dark purple fruits.
Olympian	N/A	Self-fertile	Early May, then again in the fall	Produces tangerine-sized figs with purple skin and a very sweet red to purple flesh. Closed eye.
Texas Everbearing	N/A	Self-fertile	Late May-early June Late Sept.-early Nov.	Medium sized fig with violet-brown skin and amber flesh. Upright growth habit. Two crops per year.