



# Blueberry

Blueberries prefer a sunny position with moist soil that is free draining and has lots of organic matter. Water regularly, particularly in the growing season. Once a year, in Spring, mulch the bushes, keeping the mulch away from the stems.

The plant will not need pruning for the first five years, then after that prune out the dead wood during late Winter-early Spring. Flowers are generally produced on the previous season's canes which form flower bearing lateral branches in their second season growing season.

You may need to use netting to protect the blueberry bush from possums and birds.

The fruit grows in clusters of berries which do not ripen evenly. For maximum sweetness, leave the berries on the bush for as long as possible.

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