Blueberry, Peach Sorbet

Vaccinium 'ZF06-043'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

This exciting, compact dwarf variety is evergreen in most climates with glossy leaves that range from pink to orange to emerald green, turning deep purple in winter; abundant crop of sweet blueberries in mid summer; great for garden or patio

Edible Qualities

Blueberry, Peach Sorbet is a small shrub that is typically grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces clusters of blue round berries which are usually ready for picking from early to mid summer. The berries have a sweet taste and a juicy texture.

The berries are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Cooking
- Baking
- Preserves

Features & Attributes

Blueberry, Peach Sorbet features dainty clusters of white bell-shaped flowers hanging below the branches in mid spring. It has green evergreen foliage. The glossy oval leaves turn an outstanding deep purple in the fall, which persists throughout the winter. It features an abundance of magnificent blue berries from early to mid summer.



Blueberry, Peach Sorbet foliage
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Blueberry, Peach Sorbet fruit
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This is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition. This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Aside from its primary use as an edible, Blueberry, Peach Sorbet is sutiable for the following landscape applications;

- Orchard/Edible Landscaping

Planting & Growing

Blueberry, Peach Sorbet will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. It has a low canopy. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years. While it is considered to be somewhat self-pollinating, it tends to set heavier quantities of fruit with a different variety of the same species growing nearby.



Blueberry, Peach Sorbet fruit
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This shrub is quite ornamental as well as edible, and is as much at home in a landscape or flower garden as it is in a designated edibles garden. It should be grown in a location with partial shade and which is shaded from the hot afternoon sun. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have sandy, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Special Attributes

In the Pacific Northwest Desert blueberry plants prefer afternoon shade, the berries are sweeter too. If growing in a container be sure to protect in the winter