Blueberry, Pink Lemonade

Vaccinium 'Pink Lemonade'

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Group/Class: High Bush Blueberry



Blueberry, Pink Lemonade fruit
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Description:

A hybrid blueberry with a bushy, upright habit; pale green fruit ripens to a deep pink with a pleasant flavor; fall color is golden yellow to bright orange.

Edible Qualities

Blueberry, Pink Lemonade is a medium-sized shrub that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces clusters of rose round berries which are usually ready for picking from early to mid summer. The berries have a sweet taste and a firm texture.

The berries are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Cooking
- Baking
- Preserves
- Freezing

Features & Attributes

Blueberry, Pink Lemonade features dainty clusters of white bell-shaped flowers with shell pink overtones hanging below the branches from early to mid spring. It has green deciduous foliage. The glossy oval leaves turn outstanding shades of gold and in the fall. It features an abundance of magnificent rose berries from early to mid summer.

This is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage. This is a relatively low maintenance plant. Each spring, cut back all dead and two-year old canes to the ground, leaving only last year's growth standing. 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, Pink Lemonade is sutiable for the following landscape applications;

- Orchard/Edible Landscaping

Planting & Growing

Blueberry, Pink Lemonade will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years. This variety requires a different selection of the same species growing nearby in order to set fruit.

This shrub is typically grown in a designated area of the yard because of its mature size and spread. 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

All blueberries require acidic soils, good drainage and a good mulch, plant with acid soil amendment. In the Pacific Northwest Desert blueberry plants prefer afternoon shade, the berries are sweeter too.