

Highbush Blueberry **(*Vaccinium corymbosum*)**

6' to 12', upright-spreading dense multi-stemmed shrub.

CT native, found in woods, thickets, and bogs, in acidic soil.

Numerous small urn-shaped white/light pink May flowers.

Blueberries ripen July through August, depending on variety. Best fruiting occurs if there are different varieties present on site.

1" to 3.5" long leaves, densely packed. Excellent for fall color: a mix of red and orange.

Gray-brown thinly-furrowed bark. New stems, yellow to deep red, are attractive in winter.

Full sun for good fruiting. Average to wet soil. Prefers moist organic well-drained sandy soil. Soil must be very acidic (4.5 to 5.5).

Beautiful four-season shrub.

Use in shrub borders, in patches, on slopes, along streams, in naturalized plantings.

Attracts birds, including Bluebirds and Wood Thrushes, and many mammals. Supports 286 native species of butterflies. Larval host for Striped Hairstreak, Henry's Elfin, and Brown Elfin Butterflies.

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