

Darrow's Blueberry

Vaccinium darrowii

Darrow's blueberry is commonly found in Florida's flatwoods and pine forests. It prefers moist, but not wet, sandy, acidic soils. The fruit is generally smaller than the more common rabbiteye and highbush varieties but have a very good flavor. Its berries can be eaten raw, or make a great choice for baked products such as muffins. With heights and widths under 3' they can make a great addition to the home landscape. Pruning should be completed shortly after flowering because the flowers bloom on old wood.

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Type: perennial evergreen native

USDA hardiness zones: 7A through 10B

Uses: fruit; border; mass planting; hedge; specimen

Origin: Native to Florida

Height: 2 to 3 feet **Spread:** 2 to 3 feet

Plant spacing: 2 to 3 feet

Light requirement: full sun to partial shade

Soil tolerances: clay; sand; sandy loam; acidic; well-drained

Drought tolerance: moderate

Soil salt tolerances: low

Invasive potential: low

Pest resistance: no serious pests or diseases, occasionally browsed by deer



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