

Botanical Name: *Vaccinium corymbosum* x 'Sunshine Blue'

Common Name: Sunshine Blue Dwarf Blueberry

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SHRUB



Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

Family: Ericaceae, section Cyanococcus

Origin: Eastern North America

Climate Zone: USDA 5-10, Sunset 8,9,14-24

Mature Height: 3 feet

Mature Width: 3 feet

Plant Type: Evergreen dwarf shrub

Growth Habit: Broad canopy

Growth Rate: Slow to reach full productivity

Flower Color/Details: Pale pink bells

Flower Season: May, fruiting in July

Bark: Reddish brown

Fruit: Deep blue with silver bloom, strong flavor, firm texture, heavy bud set, when mature can produce 5-10 pounds fruit

Foliage: Bright green in summer, burgundy in fall and winter

Use: Mass at front of borders, along paths, in containers, raised planters

Floral: Unknown

Wildlife/Beneficials: Food source for native moths, butterflies and birds

Deer Resistant: No

Fire Resistant: No

Medicinal Uses/Edible: Edible fruit

Adverse Factors: Unknown

Soil: High in organic matter, acid, low pH 4.5-5.5

Exposure: Morning sun, afternoon shade

Water Requirements: Moderate

WUCOLS Water Needs: Not listed

UC Davis Arboretum All-Star: No

Description: Tolerates heat and higher pH better than other blueberry cultivars. Self-fertile, but berries are larger when cross-pollenized by a 'Misty' or 'Sharpblue' close by.

Maintenance: Pot in mix 1/3 each untreated bark, coir fiber, acid potting soil. Keep mulched. Feed with organic 5-10-10 acid food. Prune in late winter, removing weak, small, dead and crossing branches at the crown. Tip-trim or prune before new growth appears, to encourage bushiness and flowering/fruiting.



#1 Nursery Container