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Thank you for Supporting the Alamance County 4-H Spring Plant Sale.

Your purchase helps support 4-H'ers' activities in several ways. Our fundraisers help build up the scholarship fund so we can continue to make awards from it. The sale also helps to fund activities such as school enrichment, summer programs, and other County events throughout the year. For more information, check out our website @ <https://alamance.ces.ncsu.edu/>

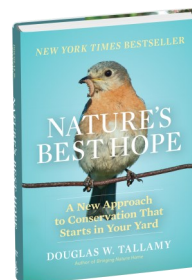
- ◆ Order period:
March 17-31
Payments (cash or check) must accompany order.
- ◆ Payment and pick-up address:
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- ◆ Pick-up dates and times:
April 12-14, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Nature's Best Hope

[Douglas W. Tallamy](#), a professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, studies the ways insects interact with plants and how those interactions determine the diversity of animal communities. In [Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard](#) he offers a blueprint for helping preserve precious wildlife and the planet. You'll be pleased to know blueberry plants are a very good choice for your landscape!

The Extension Master Gardeners have worked with Dr. Tallamy -- through several pandemic-related delays -- to (re)schedule a public presentation in Alamance County for September 2022. Stay tuned to the formal announcement later in the summer. You won't want to miss his program.

In the meantime, you can purchase a copy of *Nature's Best Hope* through Alamance County 4-H's spring plant sale for \$15.



Rabbiteye Type Bushes

The Rabbiteye blueberry, *Vaccinium ashei*, is native to the southeastern United States. This species is tolerant of the heat and drought of the South and grows wild in southern Georgia, Alabama, and the Florida Panhandle. Rabbiteye blueberries are one of the most delicious fruits grown in the South. They are also one of the easiest of fruit plantings to grow. The plant is prized for its ornamental value of spring flowers and fall colors and is often used for edible landscapes in home gardens. One of the most important things to remember about starting rabbiteye blueberries is to plant more than one variety for cross-pollination to promote higher fruit production. Rabbiteye varieties have been bred for years, making even more varieties available.



Centurion - Centurion is a mid- to late-season ripening plant with medium to large berries with good quality that is dark in color. Upright in growth, Centurion is easy to manage.

Climax - Producing medium-size berries with a sweet flavor, Climax is an early ripening plant. These plants are upright with an intense green foliage. Climax is one of the very best blueberry plants for harvesting.

Columbus - Columbus yields early to mid season fruits with excellent fruit size and good flavor. Columbus generally produces a good yield.

Premier - Early- to mid-season, Premier produces large excellent-flavored fruit that is light blue in color and of a good quality. These plants are upright in growth with good foliage, and an overall highly productive variety.

Southland - Southland is a mid- to late-season producer with medium to large fruit and good quality throughout the entire season. Plant growth is compact and upright.

Tifblue - Tifblue is an upright vigorous grower producing medium- to large-size berries of good quality. Mid-season in ripening, Tifblue is rated as the best ornamental due to its bright red fall leaf color.

Yadkin - Yadkin is a mid-season, medium to large fruiting plant with good blue color. Yadkin is self-fertile and semi-upright with moderately vigorous growth.

Southern Highbush Blueberries

These are hybrids of blueberries which grew wild when European settlers first arrived in the New World. New southern highbush cultivars were developed to grow in California and other climates with low chill hours. Southern highbush blueberries are low chill varieties and offer gardeners in California, the Sunbelt, and the Southeast region an opportunity to enjoy blueberries just like their northern neighbors. Southern highbush are specifically hybridized for superior fruit, soil adaptability, heat tolerance and low winter chilling. Southern highbush blueberry bushes offer gardeners unique foliage and bloom and plant characteristics that aren't found in the northern highbush. Some southern highbush are self-pollinating, but the berries will be larger if two varieties are planted together. These varieties have low winter chilling requirements. "Chilling" is a measure of accumulated hours of temperatures below 45°F in the dormant season.



Legacy - Mid- to late-season ripening with good fruit size and quality, Legacy is popular due to its upright growth and medium- to large-size fruit.

New Hanover - New Hanover is a self-fertile, early-ripening plant with medium-sized berries. The New Hanover plant is vigorous and semi-upright in habit. The flowers are self-fertile and produce abundant pollen.

O'Neal - Being very early ripening, O'Neal produces large, medium-blue-colored fruit that is firm and good in flavor. It is a vigorous and upright grower.

Resources

[NCSU Blueberry Portal](#)

[Canning and Freezing Blueberries](#)

[Blueberry Recipes](#)



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Blueberries (1-gallon pots)

Centurion _____ x \$8.00 each = _____
Climax _____ x \$8.00 each = _____
Columbus _____ x \$8.00 each = _____
Legacy _____ x \$8.00 each = _____
New Hanover _____ x \$8.00 each = _____
O'Neal _____ x \$8.00 each = _____
Premier _____ x \$8.00 each = _____
Southland _____ x \$8.00 each = _____
Tifblue _____ x \$8.00 each = _____
Yadkin _____ x \$8.00 each = _____

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Nature's Best Hope _____ x \$15.00 each = _____

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