



## 4-H Plant Sale | Spring 2023

**Terms:** All plants sold are to be free from disease, insects and injurious pests. Alamance County 4-H is not responsible for the survival of plants and will not be responsible for the results secured in transplanting. Please follow proper planting guidelines. If you have any questions concerning proper ground preparation or planting methods, please contact the Cooperative Extension Office prior to delivery date.



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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 4-H events throughout the year. For more information, check out our website @ <https://alamance.ces.ncsu.edu/>

- Order period: February 24 - March 31  
Payment must accompany order.
- Pick-up dates and times: April 13-14
- Payment and plant pick-up address:  
209-C N. Graham-Hopedale Rd.  
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### Spread Some Bluebird Happiness

As part of our spring fundraiser, we are offering nesting boxes this year, made by our friends at [Homes for Bluebirds](#). These boxes were designed by Mr. Jack Finch according to bluebirds' own preferences. Learn more about eastern bluebirds [here](#), and learn from this NCSU Extension [publication](#) what you can do to provide a more abundant bird habitat in your environment.



## 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.



**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.

**Onslow** - Onslow produces one of the largest rabbiteye berries. Onslow is a self-fertile, vigorous grower. Onslow is a mid- to late-season producer with semi-upright large fruit.

**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.

**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.

Descriptions courtesy of Finch Blueberry Nursery,  
<http://www.finchblueberrynursery.com/>

## 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](#)  
[Growing Edibles in the Landscape](#)



# Order Form | Spring 2023

## Blueberries (1-gallon pots)

Climax \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.50 each = \_\_\_\_\_  
Columbus \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.50 each = \_\_\_\_\_  
Legacy \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.50 each = \_\_\_\_\_  
New Hanover \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.50 each = \_\_\_\_\_  
O'Neal \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.50 each = \_\_\_\_\_  
Onslow \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.50 each = \_\_\_\_\_  
Premier \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.50 each = \_\_\_\_\_  
Tifblue \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.50 each = \_\_\_\_\_

## Bluebird Houses

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount paid, CA|CK \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your support!*



**Advance payment required!**

*Make checks payable to*  
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