

Native Fruit Varieties

Common name	Species	Variety	Comments
Highbush Blueberry	<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	see Handout	
Lowbush Blueberry	<i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i>	see Handout	
Lingonberry	<i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i> var <i>minus</i>	none	
Cranberry	<i>Vaccinium macrocarpon</i>	Stevens*	Robust grower, medium-large fruit
		Shaw's Success	Compact grower
		Hamilton*	Dwarf variety for rock gardens
Huckleberry	<i>Gaylussacia baccata</i>	none	
Elderberry	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	Adams*	somewhat larger fruit clusters and fruit size
		York*	"
		Johns	"
		Nova	"
Raspberry	<i>Rubus spp.</i>	Autumn Britten*	Reliable fall-bearing red; consistently large fruit; excellent flavor
		Boyne*	Reliable early-season summer-bearing red
		Caroline*	Most flavorful fall-bearing red
		Fall Gold*	Very sweet fall-bearing yellow
		Golden Harvest*	Fall-bearing yellow; numerous smaller-sized berries
		K-81-6*	Good late-season variety; cold-hardy, large, excellent flavor
		Nova*	Good mid-season variety
		Reveille*	Early-season summer-bearing red
		Taylor*	Most flavorful summer-bearing red; late season
Black Raspberry	<i>Rubus occidentalis</i>	Jewel*	Somewhat larger fruit than the species; requires trellissing
Blackberry	<i>Rubus allegheniensis</i>	Illini Hardy*	Most cold-hardy thorny variety
		Chester*	Most cold-hardy thornless variety
		Triple Crown*	Very productive thornless variety; needs trellissing
		Apache	Thornless variety from Arkansas - not cold hardy enough for us
		Navaho	"
Strawberry	<i>Fragaria x</i>	Allstar*	Late-midseason variety with very large fruit & excellent flavor
		Earliglow*	Fantastic flavor; early season
		Northeaster*	Early season variety, good flavor, large size over duration of season
		Sparkle*	Best for preserves - very flavorful
		Tristar*	Most flavorful day-neutral variety
Gooseberry	<i>Ribes spp.</i>	Poorman*	Best American variety
		Hinnonmakis Red*	Reliable European variety
	<i>Ribes oxycanthoides</i>	Jahn's Prairie	

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Grapes	<i>Vitis spp.</i>	Alwood	Seeded varieties we are trialing for black rot resistance
		Beta	"
		Bluebell	"
		Kay Gray	"
		Steuben	"
		Swensen Red	"
		Worden	"
Saskatoon	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	Regent*	Very reliable, compact (3-4') grower; stoloniferous
Pawpaw	<i>Asimina triloba</i>	PA Golden*	Very few differences among varieties
		Prolific*	
		Sunflower*	Reportedly self-fertile
Persimmon	<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	Meader*	Self-fertile, no seeds; most other varieties need pollination, have seeds
Mulberry	<i>Morus spp.</i>	Illinois Everbearing*	Most flavorful variety for our zone where <i>Morus nigra</i> is not cold-hardy
Plum	<i>Prunus spp.</i>		Many hybrids between <i>P. americana</i> and Asian plums They have not been productive for us
Viburnum	<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	none	
	<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	none	
	<i>Viburnum trilobum</i>	Phillips	considerably less bitter
		Wentworth	probably actually a cultivar of European Cranberrybush