



## Polar Jewel Haskap

### CARE REQUIREMENTS

#### **Sun:**

- Full Sun to Part Sun

#### **Water:**

- Moderate
- Keep evenly moist during establishment and berry production

#### **Mature Size:**

- 4–6 ft tall
- 4–5 ft wide

#### **Hardiness Zone:**

- USDA Zones 2–7
- Excellent for Alaska

#### **Growth Rate:**

- Moderate to Fast

#### **Bloom Time:**

- Very Early Spring

#### **Bloom Color:**

- Soft Yellow-White

#### **Fruit Harvest:**

- Early to Mid Summer

#### **Fruit:**

- Medium to large elongated blue berries
- Sweet-tart flavor
- Rich in antioxidants
- Excellent fresh, frozen, or processed

### PLANTING

#### **Best Planting Conditions:**

- Plant in full sun for maximum berry production
- Tolerates part sun, but yields improve with more sunlight
- Prefers well-drained soil with organic matter
- Excellent for berry rows, edible hedges, and home orchards
- Avoid soggy or poorly drained locations

## ALASKA NOTES

### Alaska-Specific Tips:

- Outstanding winter hardiness
- Flowers tolerate spring frosts well
- Excellent for Alaska's short growing season
- Great for gardeners wanting dependable edible shrubs
- Mulch young shrubs before winter
- Bird protection may be helpful near harvest time

## PRUNING & MAINTENANCE

### Pruning:

- Minimal pruning first 3 years
- Remove dead, weak, or damaged branches in late winter
- Mature shrubs benefit from occasional thinning for airflow and berry quality

### Fertilizing:

- Compost or balanced fertilizer in spring
- Avoid over-fertilizing with nitrogen

## COMMON MISTAKES

- Planting without pollinator variety
- Poor drainage
- Underwatering during fruit set
- Heavy pruning too early
- Too much shade reducing harvest

## KEN'S TIPS

- **Polar Jewel is a fantastic choice if you want classic Haskap toughness with dependable northern fruit production — pair it with another compatible variety and you'll dramatically boost your berry harvest.**