



Borealis Haskap

CARE REQUIREMENTS

Sun:

- Full Sun to Part Sun

Water:

- Moderate
- Keep consistently moist during establishment and fruiting

Mature Size:

- 4–6 ft tall
- 4–5 ft wide

Hardiness Zone:

- USDA Zones 2–7
- Outstanding 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
- Excellent for fresh eating, freezing, and preserves

PLANTING

Best Planting Conditions:

- Plant in full sun for best berry production
- Tolerates part sun, but fruiting may decrease
- Prefers rich, well-drained soil
- Excellent for berry rows, edible landscapes, and homestead gardens
- Avoid standing water or soggy soil

ALASKA NOTES

Alaska-Specific Tips:

- One of the best-performing Haskaps for Alaska gardens
- Extremely winter hardy
- Early blooms tolerate spring frosts
- Excellent cross-pollinator for larger harvests
- Mulch before winter for young shrubs
- Protect fruit from birds during ripening

PRUNING & MAINTENANCE

Pruning:

- Minimal pruning first 3 years
- Remove dead or weak branches in late winter
 - Mature plants benefit from thinning older wood for airflow and improved berry production

Fertilizing:

- Compost or balanced spring fertilizer
- Avoid excessive nitrogen

COMMON MISTAKES

- Planting without a pollinator partner
- Dry soil during fruiting
- Poor drainage
- Heavy pruning too early
- Too much shade reducing harvests

KEN'S TIPS

- **Borealis is one of the most dependable early Haskaps for Alaska — if you want reliable fruit, serious cold tolerance, and a proven performer, this variety earns its place.**