



Boreal Beast Haskap

CARE REQUIREMENTS

Sun:

- Full Sun to Part Sun

Water:

- Moderate
- Keep evenly moist during establishment and fruiting

Mature Size:

- 5–6 ft tall
- 4–6 ft wide

Hardiness Zone:

- USDA Zones 2–7
- Exceptional for Alaska

Growth Rate:

- Moderate to Fast

Bloom Time:

- Early Spring

Bloom Color:

- Soft Yellow-White

Fruit Harvest:

- Mid to Late Summer

Fruit:

- Very large elongated blue berries
- Sweet with mild tartness
- Excellent fresh, frozen, or processed

PLANTING

Best Planting Conditions:

- Plant in full sun for maximum berry production
- Tolerates part sun, but fruiting may decrease
- Prefers well-drained soil rich in organic matter
- Great for edible landscapes, berry hedges, or home orchards
- Avoid soggy soil or standing water

ALASKA NOTES

Alaska-Specific Tips:

- One of the best berry shrubs for extreme cold climates
 - Flowers are frost tolerant, making it reliable in unpredictable springs
 - Excellent for Alaska gardeners wanting dependable fruit
 - Mulch before winter for younger plants
 - Protect ripening fruit from birds if needed

PRUNING & MAINTENANCE

Pruning:

- Minimal pruning first 3 years
- Remove dead, damaged, or weak wood in late winter
- Thin mature branches periodically to improve airflow and berry size

Fertilizing:

- Compost or balanced fertilizer in spring
- Avoid excessive nitrogen

COMMON MISTAKES

- Planting only one variety
- Poor pollination planning
- Letting soil dry excessively during fruiting
- Heavy pruning too early
- Poor drainage

KEN'S TIPS

- **If you want one of the earliest, toughest, and most nutrient-dense berries for Alaska, Boreal Beast is a powerhouse — but for maximum harvest, always plant with a pollinator partner.**