

Fruiting Brambles & Shrubs

Brambles contain several varieties of edible fruits including raspberry and blackberry which create dense, thorny thickets. Meanwhile, **fruiting shrubs** such as currants including gooseberry, are more shrub like and can produce thorny hedges. Most fruiting brambles and shrubs we carry are native to New York.

Raspberries are brambles that can be either **summer-bearing** (floricane) or **fall/ever-bearing** (primocane). Many cultivars can be grown to produce red, yellow, purple or black fruit – all of them being delicious!

Blackberries are very similar to raspberries, but retain their receptacle when harvested and are generally more tender. Blackberries, as the name implies, produce dark purple to black fruits used for jamming, baking and fresh eating.

Currants and **gooseberries** are shrubs that tend to remain under 6 feet in height and width. The fruits of these shrubs vary in color including black, white, pink, red and green.

Below is a comparison of light, soil and fertilizer preferences for each aforementioned fruit.

Growth Requirements	Raspberry	Blackberry	Currant	Gooseberry
				
Light (Hours)	6+	6+	4-6	4+
Soil Type	Sandy and moist with high organic matter	Sandy and moist with high organic matter	Sandy and moist with high organic matter	Sandy and moist with high organic matter
Soil pH	5.6-6.2	6.0-7.0	6.0-6.5	6.0-7.0
Fertilizer Preference	Acidic, slow-release 3 times per season	Acidic, slow-release 3 times per season	High potash, slow-release 4 times per season	High potash, slow-release 4 times per season
Estimated Harvest	July to September	July	July to August	July to August

Ask any of our knowledgeable staff to learn more about different cultivars of these plants!

Protect from wildlife!



Although most of these brambles and shrubs are thorny and deter some wildlife, they are still prone to consumption by a wide variety of animals. We **strongly encourage** adding **fencing or netting** of adequate height around your brambles to ensure a bountiful harvest!



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