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O'zark & O'Neal Blueberry *Vaccinium coarctatum*

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<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 2-9, 14-17, 18-24	Full sun	They need cool, moist, well drained acidic soil	Ample watering	Small urn shaped spring flowers are white and pinkish	Will grow upright to 6 feet

More people enjoy eating blueberries than growing them, yet blueberries are exceptionally handsome bushes worthy of planting in the home landscape. The blueberry fruit can be eaten fresh, or frozen for out-of-season use. Plants have a profusion of white blossoms in late spring. Leaves are glossy green in summer and have outstanding red foliage in autumn. Blueberry growing presents a challenge for most gardeners because the plants need special growing conditions. They require acidic, well-drained soils, which are not common in most Minnesota landscape situations. When the initial pH is less than 7.0, most soils can be amended to make them suitable. In western Minnesota, where the native pH of the soil is greater than 7.0, amending the soil to a suitable range is not possible. Winter hardiness is also a consideration. Production should be successful if cultivar