

Bramble Garden

Licking County Master Gardener Volunteers Learning Center for Gardening



Brambles, also known as caneberries, include blackberries with and without thorns, as well as red, yellow, black and purple raspberries. The fruits grow on biennial shoots called canes, which grow from perennial roots. Brambles are part of the rose family, and quick to volunteer in unmowed areas. With their tangled thorny vines studded with delicious berries, brambles appear in folklore and literature as symbols of both protection and danger, sweetness and hardship, wilderness and domesticity.

WHAT GROWS HERE

Our garden has black raspberries, and the variety name is Jewel.

- These ten plants were started from approximately 1 ¼ inch cube plugs
- Life expectancy: 8 – 10 years
- Yield per plant: up to 1 quart
- Plant in rows 24 – 30 inches apart in rows 6 -8 foot apart
- Have a perennial root system, which produces biennial canes:
 - First year canes are called primocanes and are vegetative only.
 - Second year canes are called floricanes that bear fruit.

HOW WE GROW IT

Brambles need pruning to maximize production, maintain plant health and facilitate harvesting. The pruning methods depend on the type and variety of bramble. For example, everbearing red raspberries can simply be mowed off 2-3 inches from the ground after fall harvest. Our black raspberries require removing the floricanes after fruiting (the floricanes die after bearing fruit), then before the spring growth, all but 4 to 5 of the sturdiest new floricanes (the previous year's primocanes) on each plant are removed.

Resources

<https://ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/hyg-1421>