

Giant blackberry varieties											
Blackberry variety	Fruit bearing time	Fruit description	Fruit weight	Fruit taste and flavour	Uses	Shrub height	Shrub description	Canes	Fruit bearing	Cold hardiness	Legal protection
Black Satin	mid August	attractive, big elongated berries which are shiny ruby-coloured at first and velvety black when fully ripe; boast long shelf life	-	sweet and sour, juicy, aromatic	for the fresh fruit market and for commercial processing, can be used as a cake or pastry filling	3-5 m, 1.2 m annual growth	vigorous grower with thornless and elevated canes, needs supports, does not develop shoots, displays pink flowers, gives a regular crop (6-10 kg from a shrub)	thornless	on second year canes	needs to be covered for winter, resistant to diseases and pests	none
Brzezina	beginning of July	big, oval, black in hue and shiny berries; they are firm and hard with compact pulp	6 g	aromatic, sweet and sour	for the fresh fruit market and for commercial processing; valued by home and commercial growers for good quality fruits	-	moderate grower, develops thornless stiff canes which are slightly arched on tops, puts out from several to a dozen strong base shoots, does not develop root suckers, second year canes remain green, they are often branched with numerous fruit bearing stems; individual fruiting stem develops about 10 flowers and gives abundant crop every year	thornless	on second year canes	cold hardy and resistant to diseases	yes
Chester	end of July	attractive, big, black in hue and shiny	5-6 g	sweet, juicy with distinct aroma	for the fresh fruit market, not perishable, boast long shelf life	1.5 m	thornless variety with elevated habit, displays pink and white flowers, yields abundant crop regularly	thornless	on second year canes	cold hardy and resistant to diseases	none
Loch Ness	mid August	big, black in hue with a shiny skin	5-10 g	sweet with slightly sour aftertaste	for the fresh fruit market, not perishable, boast long shelf life	-	moderate grower with thornless canes which require supports; yields abundant crop regularly	thornless	on second year canes	resistant to diseases and pests, winter hardy	none
Navaho	August	extremely compact berries, black with a nicely shiny skin	6-8 g	sweet and sour	for the fresh fruit market, extremely transport tolerant	-	vigorous grower, develops thornless elevated canes which give many fruits, its canes do not regenerate too vigorously	thornless	on second year canes	resistant to anthracnosis and most diseases	none
Polar	second part of July	firm big oval or barrel-like berries which are black and extremely shiny	6-7 g	sweet and sour, aromatic	for the fresh fruit market and for commercial processing, transport tolerant	2-4 m	moderate grower with stiff thornless canes which are arched on tops and require supports, puts out up to a dozen base shoots but does not develop root suckers, yields average crop	thornless	on second year canes	half- hardy	yes
Reuben	end of July	gigantic barrel-like and sometimes irregular in shape berries which are black with a shiny skin	14.5 g (4.5 cm in length)	extremely sweet and juicy, slightly fruity flavour	for the fresh fruit market and for commercial processing	2 m	vigorous grower, develops elevated canes arched on tops and covered with strong thorns	with thorns	on first year canes	prone to frostbites, should rather be grown under covers	yes
Triple Crown	end of July and beginning of August	big black in hue and stunning	6 g		for the fresh fruit market and commercial processing	-	vigorous grower, develops stiff thornless canes	thornless	on second year canes	boasts sufficient cold hardiness, resistant to diseases and pests	none

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