Osage Blackberry



Growing your own berries is so easy and rewarding with these thomless blackberry plants.

Rubus fruticosus 'Osage'

- <u>Use:</u> Blackberry lovers, rejoice. With no thorns, you can pick to your heart's content. This easy care variety yields well, producing berries with excellent flavor and storage potential. It also attracts pollinators, tolerates clay soil, and returns each year with an attractive upright, clumping habit. Consistently good flavor, even when other cultivars were lacking; consistently high yields; excellent storage potential for the shipping market. Intended to complement Ouachita for the mid-early season and allow more variety diversity for growers
- **<u>Exposure/Soil</u>**: This cultivar prefers sun and well-drained, moderately fertile soil, but will tolerate clay soils. Partial shade also tolerated, but less yields.
- <u>Growth</u>: Grows 4-10' tall and wide. Canes are more erect than other thorn less varieties and can be grown without a trellis when primo canes are tipped at 42" to control primo cane length and encourage lateral shoot growth. · Floricane (2nd Year Wood)
- *Hardiness: Zone 5-9*; Perennial
- *Foliage:* Deciduous. In spring and summer, the leaves are shiny dark green above and gray-green below, turning to burgundy in fall and winter.
- *Flowers:* The delicious, glossy-black berries are excellent eaten fresh, and popular for use in pies and preserves. Chill requirement 200-300 hours.

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