



Blueberries

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Photo by Jessica Walliser Holy blueberries! Hands down this has been the best year for blueberries I have ever had.

Though my bushes have only been in their current location for 3 years, I moved them from our previous house where they lived for the previous 3 years.

While we have always had a decent harvest, this year's is spectacular.

We have a total of eight bushes (two were put in new when we moved here), each measuring about 3 feet in height and 2 feet in spread. I have managed to pick about a quart of berries nearly every day for the past week and a half—and the plants are still loaded with green berries!

It's funny because I never realized how truly different each of the varieties taste. Some of the berries are very small and quite tart while others are big and fat and bland. My favorites are the medium-sized sweeties.

Of course, I have lost the identification tags a long, long time ago so I have no idea which one is which, but somewhere I have it written down. I just have to search through some garden files to find the scrap of paper that I wrote it on.

One of my neighbors tasted some and said the sweeties were 'Patriot' and I know I do have one of those in the bed somewhere but I'm interested in confirming her guess. If I can find out exactly who the sweeties are, I'm going to plant a few more of them.

The red raspberries have been wonderful too. You may recall in a previous post that I acquired the plants last summer through a plant swap.

I figured I'd get a decent little harvest this season and that has proved to be true. The plants have spread like crazy (as raspberries do!) and are surely going to be utterly loaded with fruit next season.

They are spreading so rapidly that I think I'm going to have to dig up some of the plants next year and swap them to someone else. Anyone have some sweetie blueberries they'd like to get rid of?

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