

Lowbush Blueberry **(*Vaccinium angustifolium*)**

8-24" x 1-3', open crown,
zigzag reddish stems creep to form colonies.

Found in upland woods, rocky outcrops and barrens.
Connecticut native.

Delicate pink flowers, May.

Fruits are the famous sweet delectable "Maine blueberry",
mid-late summer.

Lustrous dark blue-green leaves;
brilliant red and crimson in fall.

Sun to part shade; average, well-drained, and sandy-loose soil.

Requires acid soils, (pH 4.0 to 5.0). To lower pH, mix 4-6" of
acid peat into the top 6-8" of soil, which also adds organic matter.
During the first 2 years remove flowers in the spring to
encourage vegetative growth. A good-sized, healthy canopy
is needed to support the fruit. Mulch the planting with
2 -4" of sawdust, peat moss, or chopped straw.

Use as groundcover, for fruit and fall color,
needs minimal maintenance.

Attracts butterflies, larval host to Brown Elfin, Henry's Elfin.
Food for a wide variety of songbirds, cover for ground nesters.
Food and cover for Box Turtles and Wood Turtles, Red Fox,
and other small mammals.

Photo 1

Nova Scotia Agricultural College
Wild Blueberry Research Centre
www.nsac.ca/envsci/research/blueberry

Photos 2, 3, 5

Univ. of Connecticut Plant Database
www.hort.uconn.edu/plants

Photo 4

Kenneth Sytsma, UW-Madison
University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point
<http://wisplants.uwsp.edu>

Photo 6

Tower Hill Botanic Garden
Boylston, MA
www.caryaward.org/index.html

