

Boysenberry

Rubus ursinus × *idaeus* · Rose family

DIFFICULTY Easy

TYPE Perennial cane, from canes/cuttings

MATURITY 1–2 years to first crop



SUN
Full-part sun



WATER
Regular



SOIL PH
6.0–6.8



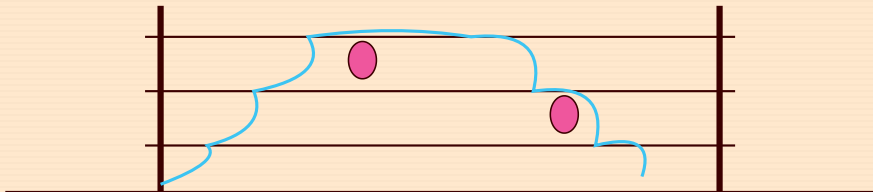
SPACING
1.5–2m on wires



DEPTH
as per cane

01 Trained on wires

A vigorous blackberry-raspberry hybrid, trained the same way as blackberry — strong wire support and regular pruning keep it productive and manageable.



trained along wires, fruit hanging

02 Planting

METHOD	Plant canes against a wire support system.
SOIL	Rich, well-drained.
TIMING	Plant in winter while dormant.

Planting timing varies significantly by Australian climate zone. Set your zone above (or use the Find My Climate Zone tool) for guidance tailored to your own area.

03 Growing care

- Train new canes onto wires as they grow.
- Water regularly through fruit development.
- Prune out spent canes after fruiting.
- Net as fruit ripens against birds.

04 Problems

- **Vigorous spread** — prune and contain regularly.
- **Birds** — net thoroughly.
- **Cane blight** — remove and destroy affected canes.
- **Fruit fly** — pick promptly once ripe.

05 Harvest & storage

SIGNS	Deep purple-black, plump, comes away easily.
METHOD	Pick gently by hand.
CURING	None needed.
STORAGE	Fridge a couple of days; freezes very well.
PRESERVING	See Freezing Produce (freezing a berry glut) or Canning & Bottling (jams and preserves) for ways to keep a harvest surplus.

06 Companions & rotation

PLANT NEARBY	AVOID NEARBY	ROTATION NOTE
Garlic	Raspberry/blackberry (shared disease risk)	Not applicable — long-lived perennial cane bed.