

## We're Here to Help!

*There are many fruits that can be grown successfully in the Colorado Springs area. Listed here are some of the plants, vines and shrubs you might wish to consider when planning your garden. If you have more space, consider planting fruit trees.*

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## Fruit-Bearing Plants for Smaller Spaces

Fruit-bearing vines,  
plants and shrubs



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## Potential Fruits of Your Labor

*\* indicates xeriscape potential*

**\*Raspberry**—depending on variety, may bear twice or in late summer; considered semi-drought tolerant when not bearing fruit.



**Strawberry**—available as June-bearing (crops all at once) or everbearing (spring crop followed by later smaller crops)

- Requires soils moderately rich in organic matter that drain well
- benefit greatly from winter mulching and consistent moderate moisture
- May require netting to protect from wildlife

**\*Rhubarb**—2' hardy perennial used in sauces and pies. Red stem varieties are considered the sweetest.

**Grapes**—a large vine that likes a sunny spot and well-drained soil; fruit ripens in September; depending on variety can be used in jams, jellies, wines or fresh eating. Requires annual pruning and ample support such as a pergola, arbor, or sturdy fence.

### Shrubs

**Blueberry**—bears mid-July to August; requires acidic soil achieved by amending with Canadian sphagnum peat moss and soil sulfur to a soil pH of 5.0 – 6.0. Blueberries can be grown in both well-draining and consistently moist soil. Large containers work well. Size varies by variety.

**\*Current**—5–6' vigorous shrub bears large quantity of bright red berries near the beginning of August; tolerates a variety of soils; makes great jams and jellies.

**\*Gooseberry**—3-4' shrub that tolerates a variety of soils and moisture levels; ripens in August; great for pies, jams and jellies.

**\*Serviceberry**—6-8' shrub, prefers well-draining soil; fruit produced in mid-July is similar to blueberries; left unpicked, birds will clean shrub.

**Nanking Cherry**—8-10' produces an abundance of white flowers in late April, followed by small scarlet fruit in June; used in jellies.

**\*Western Sandcherry**—4' shrub that blooms profusely in May; produces a seeded fruit the size of a grape; fruit ripens in mid-August; eaten fresh or used in jams.

**\*Chokeberry (Aronia)**—3-6' shrub that bears small pea-size fruit; ripens in early fall, good for jellies. Great ornamental too. Produces white flowers in late May and offers good fall color.

**\*Honeyberry**—4-5' shrub, large blueberry-like fruits. Eat fresh or use for jams and jellies. All varieties require a different honeyberry cultivar for cross pollination. Fruit is a great source of antioxidants and Vitamin C.