

SUGAR MOUNTAIN® Eisbär

Lonicera caerulea '54-57'

Common name: sweetberry honeysuckle



Landscape Info:	
USDA/AHS zones:	USDA 3/AHS 6
Mature height:	5-6'/1.5-1.8 m
Exposure:	Part-full sun
Irrigation:	Average-high

Features & Benefits:	
-	Pollinator for Sugar Mountain® Blue; will not set fruit unless planted nearby it. However, both plants will set sweet berries that taste like a blueberry/raspberry mix.
-	Very easy to grow fruit – no spraying required
-	Not fussy about soil or pruning
-	Rounded plants work well as an edible hedge.



Cultural info:		
pH Level:	5.6 - 6.2	
Nutrient Needs:	Average	
EC (2:1 extract):	0.6 – 0.9	
Light Level:	Moderate	
Watering:	Average to moist	
Rooting Out Temp:	65 – 72° F/18.3 – 22.2° C	
Overwintering Temp:	Polyhouse, no heat (where hardy)	
Sales Window:	Spring-fall (fruit ripens in early summer)	
Blooms On:	Old wood (flowers are not main selling point)	
Trimming/pruning:	Trim 2-4 times	
Vernalization:	Required	
Vigor Rating:	Average	
Finish Size	Liner Size	Weeks of Active Growth to Finish
1 gallon	2 ¼" • 4" • QT	12-14 • 11-13 • 10-12
2 - 3 gallon	2 ¼" • 4" • QT	18-22 • 16-20 • 14-18

Grower Tips:	
•	Blooms very early in the season – dormant or spring pruning will remove flower buds and the potential for fruit.
•	Trim 2-4 times the first season to develop an appealing, well-rounded form. Stop pruning in late July to allow the flower buds to form for sale the following season.
•	Plants will most likely bloom before shipping season begins, and flowers are relatively insignificant anyway. To ship product bearing fruit, grow near Sugar Mountain® Blue; both plants will then develop berries.
•	This plant is susceptible to sunscald and should be grown with some shade. Powdery mildew may also occur; use all standard practices to minimize.
NOTES:	