

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



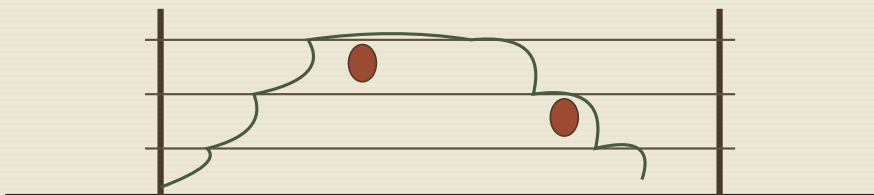
SPACING
1.5–2m on wires



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.

04 Problems

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

06 Companions & rotation

PLANT NEARBY

Garlic

AVOID NEARBY

Raspberry/blackberry (shared disease risk)

ROTATION NOTE

Not applicable — long-lived perennial cane bed.

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.

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.