

Midyim Berry

Austromyrtus dulcis · Myrtle family, native to Australia

DIFFICULTY Easy

TYPE Perennial low shrub, native to Australia

MATURITY 1–2 years to good production



SUN
Full sun to part shade



WATER
Regular while fruiting, drought-tolerant once established



SOIL PH
5.5–6.5



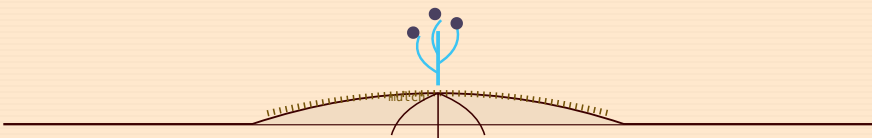
SPACING
1–1.5m



DEPTH
as per pot

01 Sweet, not tart

Unlike many native bush fruits, Midyim Berry is sweet straight off the bush — a blueberry-like flavour in a small, white, purple-speckled berry, and one of the most climate-flexible fruiting natives on this site, well suited to a low-water [homestead](#) planting.



mulched bed, shallow roots

02 Planting

METHOD	Plant from a nursery pot.
SOIL	Well-drained, sandy or loamy; slightly acidic is ideal.
TIMING	Plant in spring or autumn.

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

- Water regularly through flowering and fruiting for the best crop.
- Mulch well — appreciates it in sandy soil.
- Prune lightly after fruiting to keep a dense, productive shape.
- Tolerates light frost once established, though a sheltered spot helps while young.

04 Problems

- **Very few pests** — a hardy, trouble-free native.
- **Waterlogging** — the main risk; ensure sharp drainage.
- **Bird competition for fruit** — net if you want the full harvest; birds love these berries.
- **Drying out while fruiting** — inconsistent water can reduce the crop; keep it regular through summer.

05 Harvest & storage

SIGNS	Berries turn white with purple speckles and pull away easily, usually late summer to autumn.
METHOD	Pick by hand once fully coloured; ripens over several weeks, not all at once.
CURING	None needed — good eaten straight off the bush.
STORAGE	Fridge a few days; freezes well for later use.
PRESERVING	See Dehydrating (drying for long-term storage) or Freezing Produce (freezing a harvest surplus) for ways to keep a harvest surplus.

06 Companions & rotation

PLANT NEARBY	AVOID NEARBY	ROTATION NOTE
Other native berries	Poorly drained, wet spots	Not applicable — long-lived perennial shrub.