

# Blackcurrant

Suggested varieties: *Ben Alder, Ben Nevis, Red Connan*

**Fruit**

**PLANT**



Plant certified disease free bushes 150cm apart. Position 5cm lower than original soil level; then cut all stems to 3cm. Choose fertile moist soil in sunny sheltered site

**GROW**



Water, mulch. Cut quarter of older stems to 3cm every year to stimulate new growth (fruiting is best on one and two year old wood). Remove weak and crowded stems

**EAT**



Pick when fully coloured and ripe, but still firm. Remove whole trusses ('strigs') rather than individual fruit. Cover plants with netting to protect from birds

## Growing guide

Give it a go...

## Average time to harvest

From 18 months

## Equipment needed

Mulch (eg compost)

## When to prune

Winter

## Average plant size

Up to 150cm tall and wide

## Family group to grow with

Grossulariaceae: whitecurrant

## Seed saving group

5 - Specialist or not applicable

## Key nutritional content

Vitamin C, fibre

Spring Term			Summer Term				Autumn/Winter Term				
J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D

■ Sow indoors

■ Sow outdoors

■ Plant out/transplant

■ Harvest



Use cloche

2.5cm = 1 inch 30 cm = 1 foot

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