

Swamp (Dwarf) Raspberries

A deciduous shrub growing to 0.5m. . The flowers are hermaphrodite (have both male and female organs) and are pollinated by Insects.

Where To Grow Your Swamp (Dwarf) Raspberries

The plant prefers light (sandy), medium (loamy) and heavy (clay) soils and requires well-drained soil. The plant prefers acid, neutral and basic (alkaline) soils. It can grow in semi-shade (light woodland) or no shade. It requires moist soil.

There is very little information on this species. The following notes are based on the general needs of the genus.

These plants are easily grown in a good well-drained loamy soil in sun or semi-shade. Plants in this genus are notably susceptible to honey fungus

When and How To Plant Swamp (Dwarf) Raspberries

Seed - requires stratification and is best sown in early autumn in a cold frame. Stored seed requires one month stratification at about 3°C and is best sown as early as possible in the year. Prick out the seedlings when they are large enough to handle and grow on in a cold frame. Plant them out into their permanent positions in late spring of the following year.

These berries are somewhat unlike their Raspberry or Black Raspberry counter parts. They require more moisture and more organic matter to do well. To accomplish this you need to create artificial wetland conditions wherever you plan on planting them. This can be achieved by boxing in a plot of land and replacing most of the top soil with a sphagnum moss/compost mixture. Be sure to line the bottom of the cleared area with gravel to keep the soil well drained. Keep this area well watered with rain water – not tap water.

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Latin Name

Rubus pubescens

Type

Trailing Ground Cover

Site and Soil

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Cuttings of half-ripe wood can be taken in July/August. After root growth, re-plant prior to incoming of winter. It is also possible to tip layer for propagation as well. This is best done in July. Plant out in autumn. Division can also be conducted in early spring or just before leaf-fall in the autumn.

Care For Your Swamp (Dwarf) Raspberries

If these berries are planted in the right conditions you will have no problem growing them. Be sure to give them plenty of water. They can sometimes be over-bearing on other plants in the area. It is important to keep them well pruned to their designated area otherwise it will be difficult to control their growth later.

Raspberry Picking or Harvesting

These plants produce very few berries even under optimal growing conditions. They should not be grown in any type of commercial environment. The berries are small, and somewhat less sweet than their larger cousins.

Swamp (Dwarf) Raspberry Diseases

Unknown

Recommended Raspberry Varieties

Unknown.