

# Caroline Red Raspberry



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## *Rubus idaeus* 'Caroline'

- **Use:** A fall bearing (primocane) red raspberry that has an exceptional flavor. 'Caroline' ripens on average two weeks early than 'Heritage'. This raspberry has very good yields and is more tolerant to phytophthora root rot than Heritage. Performs best when given shade in the afternoon. It is a great performer for both the commercial fruit producer and home gardener.
- **Exposure/Soil:** This cultivar prefers mostly sun (a little afternoon shade) and well-drained, moderately fertile soil. We recommend a soil pH level of 6.5 - 6.8 for raspberry plants so amend red clay with lime and organic compost.
- **Growth:** Rapid growth to 4-6' tall and wide. Upright and vigorous growth.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-7/8; (protect from afternoon heat in zone 8); Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; In spring and summer, the leaves are shiny dark green above and gray-green below, turning to burgundy in fall and winter.
- **Flowers:** The glossy red fruits are good for eating fresh and freezing.
- **Pruning:** They produce fruit on primocanes (first-year canes). Canes emerge from the ground in early spring, grow to 3 to 4 feet tall, and form flower clusters in the terminals of the canes. Once the terminals flower, flower clusters are produced one at a time progressively back down the canes. The first fruits to ripen are generally ready for harvest in zone 7 about July 15. Harvest continues until a killing freeze.

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