

GOOSEBERRIES

Gooseberries are a beautiful addition to the landscape with pretty spring flowers, colorful berries, and handsome fall color. Typically they have striped, slightly fuzzy fruit, and thorny stems. Med-sized, tart berries, in shades of green, yellow, red, or pink are great for pies, cobblers, and tarts. They are high in vitamins A and C, as well as fiber and several minerals. Many of the newer varieties have smaller or no thorns, which makes harvesting safer. Gooseberries are self-fertile and typically ripen in late June.

VARIETIES EXPECTED FOR 2026

AMISH RED	A very productive disease resistant variety yielding flavorful, red fruit. Upright vigorous habit.
CAPTIVATOR	Big crops of green fruits turn pink and burgundy when ripe in early-mid summer. Tart unripe fruit can be used in cooking, and red fruit is delicious
HINNOMAKI RED	Tart-skinned variety with sweet, red flesh perfect for baking or fresh eating. Disease resistant.
HINNOMAKI YELLOW	Petite, yellow-green berries are delicately sweet with a hint of apricot. Low growing bush is disease resistant and extremely hardy.
INVICTA	Vigorous, thorny shrub of spreading habit produces large crops of tart, green-white fruit. Great for baking, preserves, and fresh eating.
JAHN’S PRAIRIE	Large crops of big pink fruit for snacking or baking ripen in summer.
LITTLE BEN	Dwarf sport of Hinnomaki Red that yields sweet, dark red fruit. Very mildew resistant. Grows 2-3’.
PIXWELL	Med-large, light green berries turn rosy pink when ripe. Flesh is juicy and high in sugar. Excellent for pies and preserves. Fruits hang in clusters below the branches for easy picking. Purple fall color. Mildew-resistant. Mid-season.
POORMAN	Huge berries turn green to burgundy when ripe, flavorful and sweet, best eaten fresh or in pies and jam. A classic considered by many to be the best variety.