TAYLOR'S
LANDSCAPE SUPPLY & NURSERY

Japanese Blueberry

Elaeocarpus decipiens

Plant care guide



SUN
Full sun to part shade

WATER
Moderate · then drought tolerant

MATURE SIZE
25–30 ft tall, 15–20 ft wide

BLOOM TIME
Spring · small white, fragrant

USDA ZONE
8–10 · fits 8b/9a

Planting	**Best in fall.** Dig 2–5× as wide as the root ball, no deeper; set it level or 2–4 in. high in poor drainage. Needs good drainage; it does not like wet feet.
Watering	**First months:** keep the root ball moist, not soggy. **Established:** drought tolerant, but grows best with regular watering.
Soil & Mulch	Well-drained, acidic soil. High pH turns leaves yellow (chlorosis). 2–4 in. of mulch, off the trunk. Ask us about Taylor's soil and mulch.
Fertilizer	**Water, not food, matters most at first.** Feed only if growth is weak or a soil test calls for it; use slow-release.
Pruning	**Prune for structure** from about a year after planting: one central leader, no crossing branches.
Lowcountry Tip	A few old leaves turn bright red and drop all year; that is normal. Watch for scale and sooty mold.