

Goji berry

Lycium barbarum

QUICK FACTS

USDA ZONES

5–9

SUNLIGHT

Full Sun

HEIGHT

4–8 ft

AT A GLANCE

Goji berry is easy to grow and productive, but it spreads aggressively by root suckers and will colonize adjacent areas within 2-3 years without containment. Berries are best used fresh or dried; the flavor fresh is mild and slightly sweet with a slight bitterness -- not the intense superfruit some marketing suggests.

PLANTING CHECKLIST

- Match site to sun requirements above before buying
- Test soil drainage — dig a 12" hole, fill with water, time it (should drain in 1–2 hrs)
- Dig hole 2x wider than rootball, same depth
- Backfill with native soil — do NOT amend the planting hole
- Water deeply at planting and weekly for first 3 weeks
- Mulch 2" deep, keep mulch 2" away from trunk/stems

FULL GUIDE WITH SOURCES

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