

Black Currant 'Josta'

Ribes nigrum 'Josta'

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This description is for **Black Currant 'Josta'** (*Ribes nigrum 'Josta'*):

Ribes nigrum or Blackcurrant is widely grown both for commercial production and in domestic gardens. It's a shrub that will grow up to around 5ft in height. The leaves are lobed and serrated. Even when it is not in fruit, the plant will smell of blackcurrants. It has small white flowers and produces glossy black berries which are very tasty and a rich source of vitamin C. A mature bush can provide up to 11 pounds of berries. Prune your blackcurrant bush each year. Due to a lack of imported fruit during WWII, the UK government encouraged the growth of blackcurrants to help provide the population with a source of vitamin C. At this time, blackcurrants were grown and made into a syrup which was distributed to children free of charge. Blackcurrant flavouring remains popular in the UK to this day.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? no	Hardiness zone Z2-7	Standard category Trees & shrubs Shrubs
Height [m] 2	Heat zone H7-1	Grown for Edible fruit
Spread [m] 2	Winter temperatures [°C] -46 - -12	Creative category Kid Approved Fine fragrants For birds & bees

Plant	Environment	Usage
Dominant flower colour White	Heat days 0 - 90	Gardening expertise intermediate
Flower Fragrance Yes, let it smell		Time to reach full size up to 10 years
Flowering seasons Mid spring Late spring		
Foliage in spring Green		
Foliage in summer Green		
Foliage in Autumn Green		
Growth habit Compact		