

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHEN DO THEY FRUIT?

In most cases abundantly heavy fruit will not be produced until second season. However most will produce enough fruit the 1st year to get you real excited about your plants. Although deer leave them alone, it may be wise to place a net on them to deter the birds a little bit.

### DO THEY SELF POLLINATE?

Yes. So they do not need a companion to set fruit.

### WHERE DO THESE FIT IN TO LANDSCAPE?

These are a fast growing shrub with showy blue and purple flowers and red berries that adorn this plant most the entire summer and fall into a heavy frost.

### HOW MUCH DO THESE GET CUT BACK AND WHEN?

1st year - Allow plants to grow un-pruned. This will result in more fruit the first year and result in stronger roots. 2nd year - Cut off all stems early in the spring to about 15 inches long. This will result in many more 2nd year stems and lots of fruit, but it will come on later in the summer. 3rd year - The long-term goal is to have a nicely shaped plant about six feet tall, with a three-foot diameter canopy. In early spring, trim canopy stems to keep a foot or more clearance between the canopy and the ground. This stimulates new growth where most fruit will develop. Winter pruning can be used to clean out unwanted stems.

### ARE THESE VIGOROUS GROWERS AND FRUITERS?

Yes. Goji berries will grow in almost any type of soil, light-sandy, Medium-loamy, and heavy-clay, but they tend to flower and fruit better in a well-drained soil of moderate quality. It is necessary to fertilize the Goji plant with universal fruit fertilizer in the spring and during flower production. Goji berry plants have an extensive root system and are very drought tolerant once established. Goji berry plants prefer full sun.

### WHERE DO THESE COME FROM?

Goji berries are grown in many regions of Asia like Mongolia, China and in areas near Tibet. The place that is especially famous for Goji berry production is the Ningxia province in China. The Goji berries are produced by small and large scaled farmers whose families have been growing these berries for many generations. This makes Ningxia the most advanced and largest Goji berry production area of Asia.

## FIRST THINGS FIRST...

When your plant arrives from Roberta's, remove from the shipping box immediately.

Remove plastic bag and sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Pull away any yellow or brown leaves that may have occurred during transit. If you can not plant it into garden or larger pot within a few days, make sure it stays well watered.

When ready to plant, do the job as early in the day as possible to avoid extreme soil temperatures that prevent proper water uptake from the roots. Water them in well and whisper a few words of wisdom.



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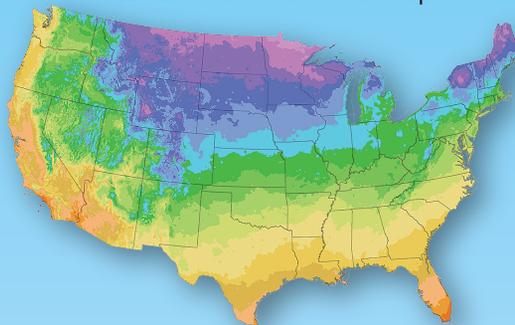
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### Plant Hardiness Zone Map



9a to 11 (orange) 7a (green) 6a (light green) 5a (purple)  
8a to 8b (yellow) 6b (green) 5bs to 5bn (light blue) 3a to 4b (pink)  
7b (light green)



## ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



Hardy Goji Berry Bush  
(*Lycium barbarum*)



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## QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full Sun to Partial Sun
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	5 to 9
PLANT TYPE	Perennial
PLANTING DISTANCE:	3-4 feet
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	5 to 6 feet 3 to 4 feet
BLOOM TIME:	June to October/ August to October
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS:	Remove plastic bag and/or sleeve from around potted plant(s). Transplant into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F. Rather than in the garden you may re-pot into large containers.
(soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)	

## PLANTING GUIDE

1  
STEP

Remove plastic bag and/or sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Pull away any yellow or brown leaves or spent flowers that may have occurred during transit. If you cannot plant it into garden or larger pot within a few days, make sure it stays well watered.

2  
STEP

Transplant into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 40F. Dig holes twice the width of the root ball and about 5 to 6 inches deep. Place them in their holes. Pack soil firmly around roots. Fill with soil and pack in firmly covering entire root zone. Water again. Plants prefer full sun to half day of sun.

3  
STEP

Rather than in the garden you may re-pot into large containers. Re pot the plants into at least 15 inch pots separately or together inside one larger container.

4  
STEP

Planted now they will produce flowers in mid-summer.

## CONTINUING CARE

### SHELF LIFE

Plant into garden or larger pots and place outside immediately after the night temperatures stay above 40 degrees.

### PLANT PREPARATION

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### SOIL

The plant prefers light (sandy), medium (loamy) and heavy (clay) soils and can grow in nutritionally poor soil.

### GARDEN PREPARATION

Often included in the perennial border. Best used as a specimen shrub towards the back of a sunny border. Good deer resistance.

### POTTED PLANTS

Rather than in the garden you may re-pot into large containers. Re pot the plants into at least 15 inch pots separately or together inside one larger container.

### PLANTING SPACING

If planting in garden space 3 to 4 feet apart.

### PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH

These grow about 5 to 6 feet tall and 3 to 4 feet wide.

### WATER

Water upon planting and requires just average to minimal water in summer.

### FERTILIZER

For best results, use a high acid fertilizer once or twice a month like Roberta's Bounty.

### TEMPERATURE ZONES 5 to 9

When nights stay above 40 degrees, place your plants outside and leave them there. They can withstand winter temperatures to minus 20F.

### LIGHTING

In the summer growing season, full or a half a day of sun is sufficient.

### BLOOMING

Under correct conditions, blooming begins in mid-summer and lasts well into early fall. The 1st year blooming starts a little later.

### PRUNING

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### WINTER DORMANCY

Leave last of old flower heads on the plant. Just let them naturally die back.

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE



Goji Berry Bush shipped in 1 gallon pot



9 months old



3rd season plant



4th season grove



Blooms and fruits June through October



Goji Juice and sun dried fruit



Partial yield from 2nd year plant