

The Canby Red Raspberry

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George Waldo of the United States Department of Agriculture, Small Fruits Breeding project at Corvallis, Oregon, has made a real contribution to midwest raspberry production with his new Canby variety. Again in 1961, the Canby turned in a stellar performance. The canes are strong, upright, and show practically no thorns in the area where the fruit is produced. This makes for very pleasant, faster, easier picking.

The attractive red conic fruit of the Canby is larger than any other berry we have ever fruited in this area, the earliest-produced fruits sometimes attaining an inch in length. Quality is excellent and definitely superior to

the other berries we can successfully grow in mid-America. I would put it in a class with the old favorite, Cuthbert, so far as flavor is concerned.

Production has been terrific in spite of some terminal winter damage to part of the canes one year. This limited amount of winter damage may have been due to some rather serious red spider defoliation late in the previous season.

We grow the Canby with straw mulch and tie to a stake instead of training on a trellis. Under this type of management the canes attain a height of seven to eight feet, and are about a quarter inch in diameter at the four-foot level.

After three very excellent crops here in this area in both hot, dry as well as cool seasons, we feel there is a bright future for this excellent variety here in the mid-west where it is quite difficult to successfully produce red raspberries.



Courtesy of G. F. Waldo

Fig. 1. A cluster of the large, attractive fruit of the Canby red raspberry.



Suncling Peach

Suncling, a new clingstone peach, has just been introduced by Stanley Johnston and James Moulton, of the Mich. Agr. Exp. Station. It is a cross of PI 35201 x N.J. 196, made by the N.J. Agr. Exp. Station in 1951. Suncling, grown from seed and selected in Michigan, matures 10 to 12 days before Elberta. Fruit buds are very hardy and flowers are resistant to frost. Fruit is medium-large and nearly round. Flesh is yellow, fine-textured, and very firm. Pit is small and clings. Suncling is very good for both commercial canning and baby food.