

BEN CONNAN

Season: Early season

Main characteristic/s: High yielding, large fruited

Breeder: Scottish Crop Research Institute, Scotland

Characteristics of Ben Connan

- Early season, 5-days before Ben Lomond
- Large size berries
- Good fruit set
- High level of pest and disease resistance

Cropping Season

Flowering period similar to Ben Lomond and three days later than Baldwin. Harvest dates approximately five days earlier than Ben Lomond, which provides a useful extension to the harvest season.

Fruit Quality

Large berries are borne on medium length strigs. Fruit sets well throughout the bush. Fruit Yield
Good fruit yields.

Plant Characteristics

The high levels of disease and pest resistance lends this cultivar to organic cultural systems. |Ben Connan is not, at present, recommended for conventional juicing processes.

Disease Resistance

Resistance is shown to the blackcurrant leaf curling midge (*Dasineura tetensi*). To date, American gooseberry mildew (*Sphaerotheca mors-uvae*) and leaf spot (*Beudopeziza ribis*) are not a problem.

Use of the Variety

Ben Connan is particularly well suited to outlets that require large fruit, including Pick-your-own and the home-garden market.

Plant Supply

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