



‘Eclipse’ blackberry – celestial blackberry series

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Chad E. Finn - in one of his natural habitats



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‘Eclipse’ blackberry is one of three new, thornless, semi-erect, high-quality blackberries released from the late Dr. Chad Finn’s group and collaborators. ‘Eclipse’ has firm, dark fruit of uniform shape well suited for the fresh market. ‘Eclipse’ ripens early in the season for this type of blackberry. Plants in this celestial blackberry series are the first cultivars derived from eastern and western North American blackberry germplasm. ‘Eclipse’ was released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service (USDA-ARS) breeding program in Corvallis, OR and granted U.S. Plant Patent 30,448 in 2019.

This work was conducted in cooperation with Oregon State University’s Agricultural Experiment Station.

Information regarding this cultivar or a list of nurseries propagating ‘Eclipse’ are available on written request to Mary Peterson (USDA-ARS; mary.peterson@usda.gov).

Additional details of ‘Eclipse’ can be found in the following publication:

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This project was completed in the loving memory of our friend and colleague Dr. Chad Elliott Finn.



Fruiting laterals and ripe fruit of ‘Eclipse’

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