



‘Galaxy’ blackberry – celestial blackberry series

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Chad E. Finn – in one of his natural habitats



‘Galaxy’ fruiting plant

‘Galaxy’ blackberry is one of three new, thornless, semi-erect, high-quality, and high yielding blackberries released from the late Dr. Chad Finn’s group and collaborators. ‘Galaxy’ is related to the recently released ‘Eclipse’ and the two share many characteristics, but ‘Galaxy’ fruit is slightly larger and irregular in shape compared to ‘Eclipse’. This celestial blackberry series contains the first cultivars derived from eastern and western North American blackberry germplasm. ‘Galaxy’ 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 30,062 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 ‘Galaxy’ are available on written request to Mary Peterson (USDA-ARS; mary.peterson@usda.gov).

Additional details of ‘Galaxy’ 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 ‘Galaxy’

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