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Sriracha Hot Pepper

Capsicum annuum 'Sriracha'



Sriracha Hot Pepper fruit
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 15 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Hot Jalapeno

Description:

A high yielding upright variety, known for its popular hot sauce; jalapeno type peppers develop from green to red when mature; firm and thick walled with a spicy flavor and nice crunch; delicious fresh, roasted, dried to made into hot sauce

Edible Qualities

Sriracha Hot Pepper is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces green oblong peppers (which are technically 'berries') which are usually ready for picking from mid summer to early fall. The fruit will often fade to red over time. The peppers have a spicy taste and a crisp texture.

The peppers are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Cooking
- Drying
- Seasoning
- Sauces

Planting & Growing

Sriracha Hot Pepper will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. This vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

This plant can be integrated into a landscape or flower garden by creative gardeners, but is usually grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, and it is considered by many to be an heirloom variety. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Sriracha Hot Pepper is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.