

**Romital Pepper***Capsicum annuum 'Romital'*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 20 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ☐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Hot Horn

Description:

Easy to grow and early to set fruit, this tall and vigorous variety produces large yields of hot peppers; 6" elongated fruit develop from smooth and glossy dark green to bright red; excellent fresh, pickled or dried; performs well in large containers

Edible Qualities

Romital Pepper is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces large red long peppers (which are technically 'berries') with red flesh which are usually ready for picking from mid summer to early fall. The peppers have a hot taste and a crunchy texture.

The peppers are most often used in the following ways:

- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Drying
- Pickling
- Canning

Planting & Growing

Romital Pepper will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. Because of its vigorous growth habit, it may require staking or supplemental support. 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.



Romital Pepper fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

This plant is typically 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Romital 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. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.