Purple Flash Ornamental Pepper

Capsicum annuum 'Purple Flash'

Height: 14 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Ornamental Chili, Chili Pepper

Description:

A beautiful ornamental pepper grown for its showy foliage and fruits; new foliage is white, maturing to near black, with purple variegation; fruits are rounded peppers that are black; a colorful indoor accent plant

Features & Attributes

Purple Flash Ornamental Pepper features subtle purple star-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid summer. Its pointy leaves emerge white, turning black in color with showy purple variegation and tinges of purple throughout the year. The deep purple oblong fruit is edible and has a spicy taste and a crisp texture. Note that in general, it can be difficult to get plants to reliably produce fruit indoors; this may be a challenge best reserved for adventurous and experienced gardeners.

This is an herbaceous houseplant with an upright spreading habit of growth. This plant should not require much pruning, except when necessary to keep it looking its best.



Purple Flash Ornamental Pepper foliage
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Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Purple Flash Ornamental Pepper can be expected to grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 1 years. This houseplant requires direct sun for optimal performance, and should therefore be situated in a room that gets bright sunlight for a good part of the day; it is not a good choice for rooms lit only by artificial light. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist soil, but will not tolerate any standing water. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is not particular as to soil type or pH; an average potting soil should work just fine.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.

-- THIS IS A HOUSEPLANT AND IS NOT MEANT TO SURVIVE THE WINTER OUTDOORS IN OUR CLIMATE --