Dynasty Red Ornamental Cabbage

Brassica oleracea var. capitata 'Dynasty Red'



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Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Dynasty Series

Description:

This variety produces dense rosettes of sea green outer foliage with deep red centers; mainly used as ornamental, the leaves can be eaten but are bitter to taste; can be used in soups and stews or made into kale chips; performs well in cooler conditions

Edible Qualities

Dynasty Red Ornamental Cabbage is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. The crinkled round bluish-green leaves with showy dark red variegation can be harvested at any time in the season. The leaves have a bitter taste.

The leaves are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking

Planting & Growing

Dynasty Red Ornamental Cabbage will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. This fast-growing 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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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.

Dynasty Red Ornamental Cabbage is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a canvas of foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

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