Onyx Red™ Ornamental Pepper

Capsicum annuum 'Onyx Red'

Height: 10 inches

Spread: 10 inches

Spacing: 8 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Ornamental Chili, Chili Pepper

Group/Class: Ornamental

Description:

A beautiful ornamental pepper grown for its stunning black foliage and bright red fruit; foliage emerges green and turns black in full sun; fruits are rounded peppers that emerge black, maturing to red; great for containers, massing and borders; very hot

Ornamental Features

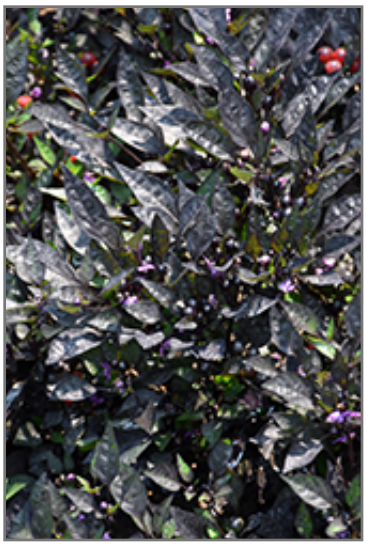
Onyx Red Ornamental Pepper is primarily grown for its highly ornamental fruit. The fruits are showy black peppers which fade to red over time, which are carried in abundance from mid summer to early fall. It features subtle purple star-shaped flowers along the stems from late spring to mid summer. Its pointy leaves emerge green in spring, turning black in color throughout the season.

This plant is primarily grown as an ornamental, but it's also valued for its edible qualities. The small round spicy peppers are most often used in the following ways:

- Drying
- Sauces



Onyx Red Ornamental Pepper fruit
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Onyx Red Ornamental Pepper flowers
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Landscape Attributes

Onyx Red Ornamental Pepper is an herbaceous annual with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees and butterflies to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.



Onyx Red Ornamental Pepper
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Onyx Red Ornamental Pepper is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Onyx Red Ornamental Pepper will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 8 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 should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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. 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.

Onyx Red Ornamental Pepper is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger 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.