Crimson Watermelon

Citrullus lanatus 'Crimson Sweet'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 8 feet

Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A lovely vigorous heirloom variety; produces round, 25 pound green skinned watermelons with dark green striping; sweet, juicy and fine textured, boasting gorgeous crimson red flesh, perfect for a delicious snack, juicing and fruit salads



Crimson Watermelon fruit
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Edible Qualities

Crimson Watermelon is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces large green round fruit with dark green stripes and crimson flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The fruits have a sweet taste and a juicy texture.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Juice-Making

Planting & Growing

Crimson Watermelon will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 3 feet 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.

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 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.