Pacific Purple Asparagus

Asparagus 'Pacific Purple'



Pacific Purple Asparagus fruit
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Height: 5 feet

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2

Description:

A stunning variety that produces high yields of delicious sweet and tender spears; rich deep purple with a mild flavor, the ideal addition to salads or appetizers; perfect for spring and autumn planting

Edible Qualities

Pacific Purple Asparagus is a perennial vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. The stems are usually harvested from mid spring to early summer. The stems have a sweet taste.

The stems are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Pickling

Planting & Growing

Pacific Purple Asparagus will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 15 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant is typically grown in a designated vegetable garden. It does best in full sun to partial shade. 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. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.