Kakai Pumpkin

Cucurbita pepo var. pepo 'Kakai'



Kakai Pumpkin fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 6 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A wonderful semi-bush variety that is perfect for sunny gardens; produces slightly ribbed, 8 pound, orange fruit with dark green striping; hull-less seeds make a delicious snack and are ready for roasting; beautiful when added to fall decorations

Edible Qualities

Kakai Pumpkin is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces orange round fruit with dark green stripes which are typically harvested when mature. The fruits have a pleasant taste.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Baking
- Freezing

Planting & Growing

Kakai Pumpkin will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 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 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 type or pH. 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, and it is considered by many to be an heirloom variety.; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.