Solitaire Watermelon

Citrullus lanatus 'Solitaire'

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 5 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

Small and delicious, this compact variety is perfect for short season growing; medium length vines produce numerous small and round seedless fruit with deep red flesh; sweet and refreshing, perfect for personal sized snacks or added to fruit salads



Solitaire Watermelon fruit and flesh
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Solitaire Watermelon fruit
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Edible Qualities

Solitaire Watermelon is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces small dark green round fruit with light green stripes and red 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

Solitaire Watermelon will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches 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.