Crackle Hot Pepper

Capsicum annuum 'Crackle'



Crackle Hot Pepper fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Jwala Pepper

Group/Class: Hot Chili

Description:

An early maturing and high yielding finger pepper variety; 4" long and slender fruit emerge glossy dark green and mature to red; harvest either green or red all season long for a spicy kick to dishes; suitable for drying

Edible Qualities

Crackle Hot Pepper is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces small dark green long peppers (which are technically 'berries') with red flesh which can be harvested at any point. The fruit will often fade to red over time. The peppers have a hot taste and a crunchy texture.

The peppers are most often used in the following ways:

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

Planting & Growing

Crackle Hot Pepper will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 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. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Crackle Hot Pepper is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.