Black Hungarian Hot Pepper

Capsicum annuum 'Black Hungarian'



Black Hungarian Hot Pepper fruit
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Height: 24 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Hot Horn

Description:

High yielding with a compact habit, this variety is perfect for both ornamental and culinary uses; purple flowers lead the way for deep purple-black fruit that ripen to bright red; medium hot with great flavor, perfect for roasting, stuffing or baking

Edible Qualities

Black Hungarian Hot Pepper is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces deep purple long peppers (which are technically 'berries') with black overtones which can be harvested at any point. The fruit will often fade to red over time. The peppers have a spicy taste and a crunchy texture.

The peppers are most often used in the following ways:

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

Planting & Growing

Black Hungarian Hot Pepper will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. 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 quite ornamental as well as edible, and is as much at home in a landscape or flower garden as it is 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. This plant is a heavy feeder that requires frequent fertilizing throughout the growing season to perform at its best. 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.

Black Hungarian 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.