Hungarian Mexican Sunset Hot Pepper

Capsicum annuum 'Mexican Sunset'



Hungarian Mexican Sunset Hot Pepper fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 22 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 15 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Hot Wax Pepper

Group/Class: Hot Horn

Description:

All the colors of the sunset right in the garden; bushy, compact plants produce long, thick-walled, conical hot peppers in colors of pale greens, yellows, oranges and reds; spicy and crunchy, great fresh, stuffed, grilled or pickled

Edible Qualities

Hungarian Mexican Sunset Hot Pepper is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces yellow long peppers (which are technically 'berries') with orange 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

Hungarian Mexican Sunset Hot Pepper will grow to be about 22 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 15 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 prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in 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.

Hungarian Mexican Sunset 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.