# Cherokee Bush Pumpkin

***Cucurbita maxima 'Cherokee Bush'***



*Cherokee Bush Pumpkin fruit*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

**Description:**

The perfect choice for growing pumpkins in a small garden; this compact bush variety produces high yields of bright orange pumpkins, weighing 5-8lbs; sweet golden orange flesh is superb for baking into pies, cakes and breads

**Edible Qualities**

Cherokee Bush Pumpkin is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces orange round fruit with orange flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The fruits have a sweet taste.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Baking
- Preserves
- Freezing

**Planting & Growing**

Cherokee Bush Pumpkin will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 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. 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 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.; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.