Dragon Tongue Bush Bean

Phaseolus vulgaris 'Dragon Tongue'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 10 inches

Spacing: 6 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A beautiful bush variety that is perfect for sunny gardens and containers; produces eye-catching yellow beans with bright purple streaks and flecks; pick young for tender pods or allow to mature for shelled beans; delicious cooked or fresh



Dragon Tongue Bush Bean fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Edible Qualities

Dragon Tongue Bush Bean is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. The entire above-ground parts of the plant are edible, and can be harvested at any time in the season. The edible parts have a pleasant taste and a crunchy texture.

The plant is most often used in the following ways:

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



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Planting & Growing

Dragon Tongue Bush Bean will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 6 inches apart. This fast-growing 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 conditions that are neither too wet nor too dry, and is very intolerant of standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. 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.

Dragon Tongue Bush Bean is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.