Desperado Pepper

Capsicum annuum 'Desperado'



Desperado Pepper fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 22 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Hot Chili

Description:

A high yielding variety ideal for patio containers or sunny gardens; produces 7-8" long mildly hot peppers that develop a light green glossy appearance with thick walls; a crisp and crunchy, perfect for roasting, grilling, stuffing and drying

Edible Qualities

Desperado Pepper is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces light green long peppers (which are technically 'berries') which can be harvested at any point. The peppers have a mild 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

Desperado Pepper will grow to be about 22 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 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. 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.

Desperado 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.