Red Flame Cayenne Pepper

Capsicum annuum 'Red Flame'



Red Flame Cayenne Pepper fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Cayenne Pepper

Group/Class: Hot Cayenne

Description:

Abundant yields and a bushy habit make this variety a must have for containers or gardens; produces long, thin walled, hot peppers that emerge emerald green and mature to bright crimson red; ideal for hot sauces, pickled, dried or fresh in salsas

Edible Qualities

Red Flame Cayenne Pepper is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces green long peppers (which are technically 'berries') which are typically harvested when mature. The fruit will often fade to crimson over time. The peppers have a hot taste and a crunchy texture.

The peppers are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Drying
- Pickling
- Seasoning
- Sauces

Planting & Growing

Red Flame Cayenne Pepper will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 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 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 pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Red Flame Cayenne 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.