

**Ammazzo Hot Pepper***Capsicum annuum 'Ammazzo'*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: 

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Ornamental-Culinary

Description:

Clusters of small, marble like hot peppers sitting on top of dark green foliage create a unique and interesting feature to any garden or large container; mature fruit is a bright cherry red; a medium hot variety that is ideal for pickling, drying or salsa

Edible Qualities

Ammazzo Hot Pepper is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces small cherry red round peppers (which are technically 'berries') with red flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The peppers have a hot taste and a crunchy texture.

The peppers are most often used in the following ways:

- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Drying
- Pickling

Planting & Growing

Ammazzo Hot 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 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.



Ammazzo Hot Pepper fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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 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.

Ammazzo 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.