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Orange Thai Hot Pepper
Capsicum annuum 'Orange Thai'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Thai Pepper

Group/Class: Hot Thai

Description:

A fiery hot and stunning selection; 2" long fruit that emerges green and ripens to orange; fruit is best if left to mature to orange; great for hot sauces, stir fry, pickled or add a spicy kick to salads; performs well in patio containers and gardens

Edible Qualities

Orange Thai 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 green pointy peppers (which are technically 'berries') with orange flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The fruit will often fade to orange over time. The peppers have a fiery taste and a crunchy texture.

The peppers are most often used in the following ways:

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

Planting & Growing

Orange Thai 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.



Orange Thai Hot Pepper fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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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. 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, and it is considered by many to be an heirloom variety.

Orange Thai 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.

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