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Bush Crop Cucumber

Cucumis sativus 'Bush Crop'



Bush Crop Cucumber fruit and flesh
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A beautiful early maturing and high yielding bush variety that is perfect for containers and gardens; produces bright green cucumbers; harvest between 6-8" long; perfect for pickling, salads and snacking; pick fruit consistently to encourage more growth

Edible Qualities

Bush Crop Cucumber is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces dark green long cucumbers (which are technically 'berries') with light green flesh which can be harvested at any point. The cucumbers have a delicious taste and a crisp texture.

The cucumbers are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Pickling
- Canning

Planting & Growing

Bush Crop Cucumber will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 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.

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

Bush Crop Cucumber 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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