East Bay Nursery

Pasilla Pepper

Capsicum annuum 'Pasilla'



Pasilla Pepper fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Hot Chili

Description:

A wonderful selection for making smoky and earthy flavored sauces, salsas and seasoning; a Mexican favorite for culinary dishes; long and slim, mildly spicy peppers mature to deep brown-black; a good choice for sunny gardens and large patio containers

Edible Qualities

Pasilla Pepper is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces dark green long peppers (which are technically 'berries') which can be harvested at any point. The fruit will often fade to dark brown over time. The peppers have a smoky taste with a crunchy texture and a rich, musty fragrance.

The peppers are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Baking
- Drying
- Seasoning
- Sauces

Planting & Growing

Pasilla Pepper will grow to be about 30 inches 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.

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. 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.

Pasilla 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.