East Bay Nursery

Oregon Giant Snow Pea

Pisum sativum var. saccharatum 'Oregon Giant'



Oregon Giant Snow Pea fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 10 inches

Spacing: 6 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

Uniform growth with a long harvesting period; high yields of deliciously sweet, 5" long, large and broad snow peas; an excellent choice for eating fresh off the vines or used in an array of culinary dishes; excellent disease resistance

Edible Qualities

Oregon Giant Snow Pea is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces large pods of green pods which are harvested from early summer to mid fall. The pods have a sweet taste and a crisp texture.

The pods are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Baking
- Freezing

Planting & Growing

Oregon Giant Snow Pea will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 6 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. Because of its relatively short time to maturity, it lends itself to a series of successive plantings each staggered by a week or two; this will prolong the effective harvest period.

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. This plant is capable of fixing its own nitrogen, which means that it is effectively self-fertilizing. As a result it should not require supplemental fertilizing, and if you do fertilize it, be sure to only use a low-nitrogen fertilizer to promote root growth. 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.

Oregon Giant Snow Pea 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. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.