Cal Sweet Bush Watermelon

Citrullus lanatus 'Cal Sweet Bush'



Cal Sweet Bush Watermelon fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 9 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

From sunny gardens to patio containers, this compact bushy variety is the perfect choice for the summer season; producing 10 lb. round to oval, dark green fruit with lighter mottling; exceptional sweet and juicy flavor, perfect for snacking or juicing



Cal Sweet Bush Watermelon fruit and flesh
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Edible Qualities

Cal Sweet Bush Watermelon is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces dark green round fruit mottled with light green and red flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The fruits have a sweet taste and a juicy texture.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Juice-Making

Planting & Growing

Cal Sweet Bush Watermelon will grow to be about 9 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Because of its vigorous growth habit, it may require staking or supplemental support. 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.

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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 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.

Cal Sweet Bush Watermelon is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing the canvas against which the larger thriller plants stand out. 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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