Long Asian Eggplant

Solanum melongena 'Long Asian'



Long Asian Eggplant fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Spacing: 18 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

An easy to grow and high yielding heirloom selection perfect for patio containers and gardens; slender and long purple eggplants reach 8-10" long; sweet and succulent with non-bitter skin, great for frying, stir-fry, grilling or baking

Edible Qualities

Long Asian Eggplant is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces purple long eggplants (which are technically 'berries') with white flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The eggplants have a delicious taste.

The eggplants are most often used in the following ways:

- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Baking
- Pickling

Planting & Growing

Long Asian Eggplant will grow to be about 30 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 18 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.

This plant can be integrated into a landscape or flower garden by creative gardeners, but is usually 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 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. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, and it is considered by many to be an heirloom variety.

Long Asian Eggplant 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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