

# CAYENNE PEPPER

## *CAPSICUM ANNUUM*

### PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

#### Size

1 - 4' high, 1 - 2' wide

#### Sun/Shade

Full Sun

#### Water

Medium

#### Maintenance

Low

#### Life Span

Annual, perennial in Zone 9-11



#### Description

*Capsicum annuum* describes the Longum group which includes cayenne peppers and chili (hot) peppers. They are grown as edible fruit (quite hot to taste) as well as brilliant ornamental plants. They are considered annual but can be short-lived perennial plants if they are potted and kept warm inside for overwintering. They are best grown in warm, full-sun climates with well-drained soils. Better success in growing these peppers is when they are started inside in pots and not replanted outdoors until the nighttime temperature is above 55 degrees F. They produce a small, not showy flower of white or yellow in the summer but its fruit can be any variety of colors and a single plant can produce fruits of multiple colors. This plant tolerates heat and drought but is susceptible to diseases that also affect eggplant, tomato and other peppers so avoid planting these in the same locations. These peppers should also be planted in a different location at least every 3 years since their diseases can survive in soil for long periods.

Source: [Missouri Botanical Garden](#) [NC Cooperative Extension](#)



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