

BASIL

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Basil (*Ocimum* spp.) is a tender herb grown as an annual in Wisconsin, prized for its strong spicy-sweet aroma. Essential oils give distinct flavors such as camphor, licorice and lemon. Basil is sensitive to the cold and does best in hot, dry conditions. It is excellent for container gardening. Continually harvest the leaves to discourage flowering and increase overall yields, although the flowers can be very ornamental. Basil can be used as a companion plant to repel aphids, mites, and tomato hornworms.

BLUE SPICE

COLOR: Green

HEIGHT: 16" tall

Vanilla overtones and strong basil scent add flavor to salads or poultry. Green leaves and purple flowers look great in a bouquet!

CARDINAL

COLOR: Green

HEIGHT: 24"-30" tall

Looks like celosia, smells like basil! Strong, deep burgundy stems hold the flowers above the smooth, bright green leaves. 24 to 30 inches tall with a bushy growth pattern. A beautiful standout in the herb patch and a flavorful addition to the ornamental bed.

CINNAMON

COLOR: Green

HEIGHT: 26-30" tall

Cinnamon-scented basil has pretty violet stems and flowers. Use in cooking, in flower arrangements, or plant among vegetable plants to repel insects.

DOLCE FRESCA

COLOR: green

HEIGHT: 12-14" tall

AAS winner. Ornamental edible! Compact variety only grows a foot wide, yet has large leaves with classic basil flavor. Great in containers or edging. Late flowering.

GENOVESE

COLOR: Green

HEIGHT: 24-30" tall

This is the traditional Italian basil! Leaves are 3" long and shiny. Use fresh or dried in Italian cuisine. Relatively slow to bolt.

HOLY

COLOR: Green

HEIGHT: 20" tall

"Sacred basil" leaves are 1½" long with red stems. A common ingredient in Thai cooking and teas, also used in Ayurvedic practice.

ITALIANO CLASSICO

COLOR:

HEIGHT: 18" tall

Brilliant green and aromatic! An essential ingredient for Italian tomato dishes, pizza and pestos.

LIME

COLOR: green

HEIGHT: 16-20" tall

Compact plant has 2" long, bright green leaves with a zesty lime aroma. Citrus flavor is perfect for fish and salads.

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MRS. BURNS (LEMON BASIL)

COLOR: bright green leaves with pinky/white blooms

HEIGHT: 18"-24" tall, 12"-24" wide

Sweet and tangy, with a strong lemon-lime scent.

Crush into drinks, slice into marinades or salads.

Green leaves look great in a summer flower bouquet.

PURPLE PETRA

COLOR: purple

HEIGHT: 24" tall, 18"-24" wide

A mild, sweet taste that is perfect for those who love basil's flavor, but shy away from too much

herbal spiciness. Use in pesto, pasta, and salads.

Versatile...As the darkest-colored basil, it makes a

great companion plant for tomatoes or an

ornamental if paired with marigolds, zinnia or

other garden favorites.

SPICY BUSH

COLOR: green

HEIGHT: 8"-14" globe

Spicy sweet 1" leaves grow on a dense globe-shaped plant. Very attractive for ornamental use in pots and beds. Also use in dishes calling for sweet basil.

SWEET THAI

COLOR: green

HEIGHT: 12-18" tall

Authentic Thai basil flavor is spicy with anise-

clove aroma. Attractive purple stems and

blossoms. Green leaves are 2" long.