

# 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 plants are sensitive to the cold and do best in hot, dry conditions. Basil is excellent for container gardening. Continually harvest the leaves to discourage flowering and increase the 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

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

## ‘Cinnamon’

Color: green

Height: 26”-30”

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

## ‘Genovese’

Color: green

Height: 24”-30”

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

## ‘Italian Large Leaf’

Color: green

Height: 18-24”

Large-leaf Genovese style basil – leaves up to 4” long! Great for making pesto and other Italian dishes. Slow to bolt. 78 days.

## ‘Licorice’

Color: purple

Height: 24”

This basil has a unique strong licorice flavor. Use in fish dishes and salads, vinegars.

## ‘Lime’

Color: green

Height: 16”-20”

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

## ‘Pluto’

Color: dark green

Height: dwarf 8” tall

This dwarf variety grows into an 8” globe – very attractive! Tiny dark green leaves have a good aroma. Use in ground or containers.

## ‘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 Dani’

Color: green

Height: 18 – 24”

AAS winner. This lemony sweet basil is very high in citral and essential oils. Wonderful with fish, in salads or desserts.

## ‘Sweet Thai’

Color: green

Height: 12”-18”

Authentic Thai basil flavor is spicy with anise-clove aroma. Attractive purple stems and blooms with 2” long green leaves.