

HOT PEPPERS

Capsicum species. Hot peppers are grown the world over and prized for the heat-delivering power of the capsaicin stored in their seeds, their unique flavor and their health enhancing qualities. SHU refers to Scoville Heat Units, with a bell pepper at 0 and pure capsaicin at around 15,000,000. Peppers grown in northern climates such as Wisconsin tend to be less hot than those grown in the south. Plant in a well drained, sunny location after any danger of frost.

VARIETY	SHU	DAYS	DESCRIPTION	SPECIES
Anaheim	2,500	90	30" tall plant is vigorous, with high yields. Fruit is 8" long and red. Commonly used for making ristras.	<i>C. annuum</i>
Beaver Dam	3,000	80	Hungarian-type, Wisconsin heirloom, 6" red-orange fruit	<i>C. annuum</i>
Bhut Jolokia	1,000,000	120+	Guinness World Record holder as world's hottest pepper. Needs long growing season.	<i>C. chinense</i>
Black Pearl	30,000	110	2006 AAS winner, ornamental. Black foliage, black fruit matures to red. A beautiful, vigorous container plant that tolerates heat and humidity.	<i>C. annuum</i>
Bolivian Rainbow	8,000	75	1" purple, orange, red and yellow fruit on this vigorous ornamental that does well in containers. Both foliage and flowers are purple.	<i>C. annuum</i>
Cherry Bomb	5,000	75	First hybrid hot cherry pepper. Fruit is 2" globe, use red or green.	<i>C. annuum</i>
Cheyenne Orange	100,000	65	AAS and Fleuroselect winner has 4" orange fruit on a dwarf plant. Great for containers.	<i>C. annuum</i>
Chilly Chili	500	90	Ornamental with low heat, 2" fruit is yellow to red. Great for containers. 2002 AAS winner.	<i>C. annuum</i>
Chocolate Habanero	385,000	95	Lantern-shaped brown 2.5" fruit, hot and flavorful. High yields.	<i>C. chinense</i>
Conchos	4,000	90	Jalapeno with 4" dark green, cylindrical fruit. Widely grown in U.S. since it's easy to pick and has high yields.	<i>C. annuum</i>
Corno di Toro	1,000	75	Thick bulls horn shaped red fruit, great flavor, great producer in any weather.	<i>C. annuum</i>
Dancing Spirit	30,000	74	3" fruit mature and fade from yellow to red. High yields.	<i>C. annuum</i>
Early Jalapeno	6,000	60	Jalapeno with 3.5" red sausage shaped fruit, likes cool climates.	<i>C. annuum</i>
El Jefe	6,000	90	Jalapeno that's easy to pick, has less cracking.	<i>C. annuum</i>
Habanero	300,000	90	Original strain has 1" lantern shaped orange-red fruit, loves long hot humid summer, 24" tall plant.	<i>C. chinense</i>

Hot Banana	3,500	60	Long banana shaped 7" red fruit.	<i>C. annuum</i>
Hungarian Hot Wax	3,000	68	Hungarian heirloom. smooth waxy yellow 5" fruit tapers to a point.	<i>C. annuum</i>
Joe's Long Cayenne	30,000	85	Cayenne pepper is 10" long red. Good for ristras and hot sauce.	<i>C. annuum</i>
Lemon Drop (Aji Limon)	30,000	100	2" long wrinkled bright yellow conical fruit with a citrus flavor and intense heat	<i>C. baccatum</i>
Mariachi	500	66	Beautiful New Mexican type has 4" long fruit that matures yellow to red. Fruity. High yields on 24" plant. 2006 AAS winner.	<i>C. annuum</i>
Mushroom	30,000	90	Unusual mushroom shaped 2" red fruit that has a fruity aftertaste. High yields.	<i>C. chinense</i>
Red Rocket	30,000	85	Cayenne pepper is 6" long red. Early, high yield, good for ristras.	<i>C. annuum</i>
Rocotillo	2,000	82	A cousin to the habanero, this red patty pan-shaped fruit packs almost no heat, has a fruity taste and can be used red or green.	<i>C. chinense</i>
Rooster Spur	30,000	95	This 100 year old heirloom has 1.5" long red rooster spur-shaped fruit on compact bushes. Prolific, fruit points up for easy picking.	<i>C. annuum</i>
Scotch Bonnet	350,000	120	A cousin to the habanero, the small red fruit matures later.	<i>C. chinense</i>
Serrano Del Sol	5,000	66	First hybrid serrano, matures early, large (3" red) fruit size.	<i>C. annuum</i>
Super Chili	50,000	75	Semi-compact ornamental with 2.5" red fruit. High yields, good for containers. 1988 AAS winner.	<i>C. annuum</i>
Tabasco	500,000	75	Bred for making Tabasco sauce, vigorous plant has 1.5" yellow-green to red fruit that are easy to harvest. High yields.	<i>C. frutescens</i>
Thai Orange	30,000	85	Ornamental has 2.5" finger shaped electric orange fruit, good in containers.	<i>C. annuum</i>
Thai Red	30,000	90	Ornamental has bright red, pointed fruit. Use dried.	<i>C. annuum</i>
Trinidad Perfume	1,000	82	Looks like a habanero, but low heat. 1" orange-yellow fruit, high yields. Tall plants.	<i>C. chinense</i>