

# Hot Pepper

*Capsicum annuum*

Care instructions



## Info

*Capsicum annuum*, a species encompassing a wide range of peppers—including bell peppers, jalapeños, and cayennes—is native to Central and South America and has been cultivated for thousands of years. It grows as a bushy annual or perennial (in frost-free climates) and thrives in warm, sunny conditions with well-draining, fertile soil. *Capsicum annuum* plants prefer slightly acidic to neutral pH and consistent moisture without waterlogging. They need plenty of light (6–8+ hours/day) and benefit from regular feeding during fruiting. While generally heat-loving, they can be sensitive to cold, and varieties range widely in fruit shape, color, and spiciness due to extensive domestication.

## Environmental Considerations

### Soil

Well-draining, loamy soil with organic matter

### Upkeep

Keep soil moist except top inch or two; moderate to dry humidity; balanced fertilizer every few weeks

