Freckles Romaine Lettuce

Lactuca sativa var. longifolia 'Freckles'



Freckles Romaine Lettuce foliage
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Height: 10 inches

Spread: 9 inches

Spacing: 6 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

A beautiful heirloom variety with an open habit, perfect for large patio containers or gardens; featuring glossy green leaves with crimson speckles and a mildly sweet flavor; a lovely addition to any salad; heat and bolt resistant



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Edible Qualities

Freckles Romaine Lettuce is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. The crinkled oval green leaves with distinctive crimson spots are usually harvested from mid spring to early fall. The leaves have a mild taste and a crisp texture.

The leaves are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared

Planting & Growing

Freckles Romaine Lettuce will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 9 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 6 inches apart. This vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop. Because of its relatively short time to maturity, it lends itself to a series of successive plantings each staggered by a week or two; this will prolong the effective harvest period.

This plant is typically grown in a designated vegetable garden. It does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average conditions that are neither too wet nor too dry, and is very intolerant of standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, and it is considered by many to be an heirloom variety.; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Freckles Romaine Lettuce is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a canvas of foliage against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.



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