## Bunch Porto Rico Sweet Potato

***Ipomoea batatas 'Bunch Porto Rico'***



*Bunch Porto Rico Sweet Potato fruit*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

**Description:**

A bush or vine-less variety producing large, elongated tubers that are copper-red skinned with pale orange, delicate flesh; nutty sweet flavor, a perfect selection for baking, pies and chips; a great choice for small gardens or container growing

**Edible Qualities**

Bunch Porto Rico Sweet Potato is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces large brick red oblong tubers with orange flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The tubers have a sweet taste and a firm texture.

The tubers are most often used in the following ways:

- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Baking

**Planting & Growing**

Bunch Porto Rico Sweet Potato will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 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.

This plant is typically grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Bunch Porto Rico Sweet Potato is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.