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## **Super Shepherd Pepper** *Capsicum annuum 'Super Shepherd'*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Sweet Tapered

### **Description:**

A wonderful upright variety producing high yields of large, sweet peppers; developing from green to dark red, these sweet and crunchy peppers with thick walls are perfect for stuffing, grilling or frying; a great variety for freezing

### **Edible Qualities**

Super Shepherd Pepper is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces large light green long peppers (which are technically 'berries') which can be harvested at any point. The fruit will often fade to red over time. The peppers have a sweet taste and a crunchy texture.

The peppers are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Baking
- Freezing

### **Planting & Growing**

Super Shepherd Pepper will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 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.



*Super Shepherd Pepper fruit*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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This plant can be integrated into a landscape or flower garden by creative gardeners, but is usually 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. This plant is a heavy feeder that requires frequent fertilizing throughout the growing season to perform at its best. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Super Shepherd Pepper 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.