

Solanum melongena

(Egg Plant)

Eggplant is an edible herbacious (shrubby) perennial. The plant has green, hairy leaves, and grow violet flowers that later become a very showy, dark purple or black fruit which is used in cooking in various cuisines arround the globe. Although eggplant is mostly grown for food, it also can be planted to add an ornamental value to the landscape.

To be planted in full sun, in well drained, loamy soil. Needs average watering.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: aubergine

Arabic Name: باذنجان

Pronunciation: so-LAN-num mel-ON-gen-uh

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Africa, Asia

Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Container, Edible

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Weeping

Canopy Texture: Medium

Height at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 m, 1 to 1.5 m

Spread at Maturity: Less than 50 cm

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral

Leaf Venation: Reticulate

Leaf Persistence: Semi Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Lobate

Leaf Textures: Smooth, Hairy

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 3 - 7

Flower Type: Solitary

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Purple

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 10 - 20

Fruit Colors: Purple, White, Pink, Black

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Edible Parts: Fruit

Pests: Beetles

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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