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Basil



Botanical Name: *Ocimum 'Dark Opal'*

Common Name: African Blue Basil

Plant Type: Annual, Herb

Sun: Full

Water: Medium

The variety is African blue basil. It is a decorative plant, which, if allowed to bloom, is covered with long flower stems of purple buds that open to lavender flowers. The 1- to 2 1/2-inch long leaves are a slightly grayed green with purple speckles on their undersides. The plant grows 1 1/2 to 2 feet tall when pinched to harvest, but would grow taller unpinched, and is much bushier than regular basil varieties. African blue basil is an accidental hybrid between an East African basil and a garden variety basil called 'Dark Opal.' The African parent is a perennial shrub from forests of Ke ...

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Purple

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Green, Purple, Variegated

Flower Season: Spring



Botanical Name: *Ocimum basilicum*

Common Name: Basil

Plant Type: Annual, Herb

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Water: Medium

Ocimum basilicum, commonly called basil, is a native of Africa and Asia. Tradition has it that basil was found growing around Christ's tomb after the Resurrection, and consequently, some Greek Orthodox churches use it to prepare holy water and pots of basil are set below church altars. In India, basil was believed to be imbued with a divine essence, and oaths were sworn upon it in courts. A number of varieties exist today, ranging from a tiny-leaved Greek basil to robust 2-foot-high plants with large succulent leaves. Some varieties have deep purple leaves. While flowers are typically smal ...

Plant Height: Under 1'

Flower Color: Red

Attracts Wildlife:

Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Spring



Botanical Name: *Ocimum basilicum 'African Blue'*

Common Name: African Blue Basil

Plant Type: Annual, Herb

Sun: Full

Water: Medium

African Blue' Basil has fragrant foliage with large edible flowers that are good in a salad or as a cut flower. A great deer-resistant plant. This quick growing ornamental basil has dark green to purple foliage with dark purple spiked flowers. A striking background plant in the garden or in containers, blooming through out the summer.

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Purple

Attracts Wildlife: n/a

Leaf Color: Blue Green, Variegated

Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Ocimum basilicum 'Tulsi'*
Common Name: Holy Basil, Thai Basil
Plant Type: Annual, Herb
Sun: Full
Water: Medium
 Thai or Holy Basil is a fragrant herb popular for culinary uses. Easy to grow in warm, sunny gardens with regular water. Delicious addition to many meals fresh or dried. Pinch leaves off regularly to encourage new leaf growth. Grows to around 1' tall and wide.

Plant Height: Under 1', 1-3'
Flower Color: Pink
Attracts Wildlife:
Leaf Color:
Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Ocimum basilicum citriodorum*
Common Name: Lemon Basil
Plant Type: Annual, Herb
Sun: Full
Water: Medium
 Lemon Basil is an annual herb native to India. Grows fast to 2' tall and 15" wide, with an upright bushy form and narrow, lemon-scented, light-green leaves. White flowers bloom in summer, attracting pollinators such as bees and butterflies. Prefers sunny, warm gardens.

Plant Height: 1-3'
Flower Color: White
Attracts Wildlife:
Leaf Color:
Flower Season: Summer



Botanical Name: *Ocimum basilicum var. thyrsiflora*
Common Name: Thai Basil
Plant Type: Annual, Herb
Sun: Full
Water: Medium
 Thai basil has narrow leaves, purple stems, and pink-purple flowers. Its sweet, slightly spicy flavor is reminiscent of anise, licorice, and clove, and is more stable under high or extended cooking temperatures than that of sweet basil.

Plant Height: Under 1', 1-3'
Flower Color: Purple, White, Multi-Colored
Attracts Wildlife: n/a
Leaf Color: Green
Flower Season: Spring



Botanical Name: *Ocimum basilicum 'Red Rubin'*

Common Name: Red Rubin Basil

Plant Type: Annual, Herb

Sun: Full

Water: Medium

Award-winning basil features a stronger flavor than sweet basil, and the aromatic burgundy leaves grow up to 3" long and look beautiful in salads. Grows to 2' tall and wide in sunny borders and in containers, its spicy flavor and intense fragrance a standout. Blooms pink-white summer into fall. Best used fresh as the purple color turns green when cooked.

Plant Height: 1-3'

Flower Color: Pink, White

Attracts Wildlife:

Leaf Color:

Flower Season: Summer, Fall

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