

Piper Betel, Maghai Paan - Plant



Betel vine a perennial herb, which can also be grown in containers and hanging baskets best for outdoor planting.

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Description for Piper Betel, Maghai Paan

Plant height: 6 - 11 inches (15 - 28 cm)

Plant spread: 4 - 8 inches (10 - 21 cm)

Betel leaf plant (piper betel) is a creeper grown in India; it belongs to the pepper family. Its waxy green, heart-shaped leaves are used for medicinal and culinary purposes. When crushed, it exudes cool peppery scent.

It is used in making a famous dessert called Paan which is chewed with betel nut as a mouth freshener. This mildly stimulant herb is popular in whole South Asia (Indian subcontinent), Thailand, Indonesia, and Vietnam.

Common name(s): Naagarvel, Vidyache paan

Flower colours: Dark red

Bloom time: Spring and early summer (anytime in tropics)

Max reachable height: 150 to 180 cm.

Difficulty to grow: Easy to grow

Planting and care

- The betel vine is propagated by terminal stem cuttings or setts about 30 - 45 cm long.
- Setts obtained from the top portions of the vines are easy to root and hence best for planting.
- It prefers slightly acidic, sandy-loamy and lightly damp soil but not waterlogged.
- Use the well-drained potting mix to plant it in a way that water will drain out from it quickly.
- Pick a less windy spot with partial shade for planting.
- Select a piece of rooted cutting of betel with at least three or four leaves.
- Remove the lowest leaf and plant the stem with the growing media in a pot.

Sunlight: It thrives well in a hot and humid environment in partial shade.

Soil: It prefers slightly acidic, sandy-loamy and lightly damp soil but not water logged. Use the well drained potting mix to plant it in a way that water will drain out from it quickly.

Water: Medium

Temperature: 40 degrees Celsius.

Fertilizer: Apply any organic fertilizer.

Caring for Piper Betel

- Place your plant in a place that receives at least 5 to 6 hours of sunlight daily.
- It thrives well in a hot and humid environment in partial shade.
- The betel plant needs regular watering. Water only when the soil feels dry to touch.
- Loosen the soil without damaging the roots. It will help the plant to uptake the nutrients and moisture easily.
- Prune regularly after it reaches 2 m height to control the plant, regular pruning, and plucking of leaves encourages new growth and sweet and tender leaves.
- Occasional feeding every couple of months in the growing season of the plant with a nitrogen-rich organic fertilizer like manure or compost is recommended.

Harvesting

Within 4 to 6 months after planting, it will be ready for harvest. You can pick up its fresh aromatic leaves for various uses.

Typical uses of Piper Betel

Special features:

- Dried ground pepper is one of the most common spices in European cuisine having been known since antiquity for both its flavor and its use as a medicine.
- The fruit, known as a peppercorn when dried, is a small drupe, dark red when fully mature, containing a single seed.

Culinary use: Betel leaves are used as a stimulant, edible purpose, pooja, medicinal, etc.

Ornamental use: The plant is used to decorate the balcony, terrace or any outdoor space.

Medicinal use: The betel (Piper betel) is the leaf of a vine belonging to the Piperaceae family, which includes pepper and kava. It is valued both as a mild stimulant and for its medicinal properties. The betel plant is an evergreen perennial, with glossy heart-shaped leaves and white catkin.

References

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