

## Cow Pea - 0.5 Kg Seeds



*Vigna unguiculata*, common names for cultivated cowpeas include black-eye pea, southern pea, yardlong bean, catjang and Crowder Pea, lubia, niebe.

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Sales price R 985

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Description The cowpea is one of several species of the widely cultivated genus *Vigna*. Four subspecies are recognised, of which three are cultivated: Cowpeas are one of the most important food legume crops in the

**Common name:** *Vigna unguiculata*

**Color:** brown

**Bloom time:** last summer

**Height:** 80 cm (31.5 in)

**Difficulty level:** easy to grow

**Planting & Care**

Start with a fresh garden bed, nicely weeded with the soil loosened and ready for planting. Stick the seeds straight into the dirt, planting about 1 in. deep and 4-6 inches apart, in rows 18 in. Water thoroughly, then wait a few days for the seeds to germinate.

**Sunlight:** Full Sun

**Soil:** well-drained soil

**Water:** medium

**Temperature:** 65°F

**Fertilizer:** Apply any organic fertilizer

**Care:**

- This year I thought it would be fun to try growing "field peas" for the first time.
- Although they're called peas, they're really more like beans, in my opinion.
- I wanted to grow them particularly to experiment with drying and storing them.

**Care:**

- After a few weeks, the cowpeas will start drying on the vine.
- If you're having a particularly rainy season, you might pick them a little before they turn brown and finish drying indoors so the peas don't mold.
- You also want to pick the pods before they start splitting open.

**Special Feature:**

Put the dried, even mostly dried, pods in a pillowcase. Toss into clothes dryer on very low for about fifteen minutes. The heat will pull out the rest of the moisture AND split the hulls. Dump into a bucket and shake. Shells and seeds will separate

Use

**Medicinal use:**

- Philippine Herbal Medicines

**Note:**

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**Reference:**

<http://newlifeonahomestead.com/growing-cowpeas/>