

Lemon Basil - Plant



Lemon basil plants are bushy plants that have ovate leaves. It has bright green leaves with jagged edges that can grow up to two inches in length. There are white flowers that grow along the spikes of the plant and they should be taken out because they take more nutrients from the plant.

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Description

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Ocimum americanum, known as American basil or "hoary basil", is an annual herb with white or lavender flowers. It is used for medicinal purposes. Despite the misleading name, it is native to Africa, the Indian Subcontinent, China, Southeast Asia.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
<i>Ocimum americanum</i>	Magenta	June to frost	1.50 to 2.00 feet	Easy to grow

Planting and care

Deep planting encourages the developing stem to send out roots to help stabilize the plant and perhaps eliminate the need for staking. Also, deep planting keeps lily bulbs cool when temperatures soar. Enrich the soil with leaf mold or well-rotted organic matter to encourage good drainage.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full sun	Well-drained soil	Medium	30 to 50	Apply any organic fertilizer

Caring for Lemon Basil

- In active growth, water freely especially if rainfall is less than 1 inch per week. Keep lilies mulched so that their roots are cool. The mulch should feel moist but not wet.
- Apply a high-potassium liquid fertilizer every 2 weeks from early spring until 6 weeks after flowering. Keep moist in winter.

Typical uses of Lemon Basil

Special features: As a seasoning herb in many vegetable and meat dishes, or as a key ingredient of pesto and other condiments.

Culinary use: For the fullest flavor, add fresh basil to dishes within the last 5 or 10 minutes of cooking time. Use fresh basil in tomato dishes, soups, salads, sauces, and pasta. Its flavor blends well with parsley, rosemary, oregano, thyme, and sage.

Ornamental use: The plant is used for ornamental purpose. Its generally keep indoor in living room and in terrace area.

References

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