

Manihot Esculanta, Cassava - Plant



In Sudan and some other countries, cassava roots are consumed mainly as flour.

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Description

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Manihot esculenta is a woody shrub native to South America of the spurge family, Euphorbiaceae. It is extensively cultivated as an annual crop in tropical and subtropical regions for its edible starchy tuberous root, a major source of carbohydrates.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
cassava, manioc, tapioca, yuca, Marachini, Mara valle kilangu, Maravalli, Simla aloo, Simul alu	-	Seasonal bloomer	6.00 to 10.00 feet	Easy to grow

Planting and care

Good cassava plant care should include the use of a slow release fertilizer in spring. Keep the plants moderately moist. To preserve the plant, move it to a pot indoors before freezing temperatures. Overwinter cassava in a warm, well-lit location and transplant outside when soils heat back up.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full Sun to Partial Shade	well-drained soil	Medium	16C - 25C	Apply any organic fertilizer

Caring for Manihot Esculanta

Provide plants with a slow-release fertilizer at the start of the season, and water as needed. Before the first frost, place plants indoors in a warm area under fluorescent lights until spring. Propagation: In midwinter, place two- to three-node stem cuttings flat on the soil surface.

Typical uses of Manihot Esculanta

Special features: Root crop in tropical to semi-tropical areas. Foliage annual or container plant for areas that are not frost-free.

Ornamental use: The plant is used for ornamental purpose.

Medicinal use: Cassava (*Manihot esculenta*) is a plant sometimes used as an herbal remedy. The root of the plant is also used to make tapioca, a starch found in puddings and other foods. The plant's leaves, meanwhile, have been found to contain protein, carotene, and lysine.

References

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