

## Wild Asparagus, Shatavari - Plant



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Description

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Asparagus, or garden asparagus, scientific name *Asparagus officinalis*, is a spring vegetable, a flowering perennial plant species in the genus *Asparagus*.

It was once classified in the lily family, like the related *Allium* species, onions and garlic, but the Liliaceae have been split and the onion-like plants are now in the family Amaryllidaceae and asparagus in the Asparagaceae. *Asparagus officinalis* is native to most of Europe, northern Africa and western Asia, and is widely cultivated as a vegetable crop.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Asparagus acutifolius, Asparagus aetnensis, Asparagus ambiguus, Asparagus brevifolius, Asparagus commutatus, Asparagus corruda, Asparagus inarimensis	-	Seasonal bloomer	2.00 to 3.00 feet	easy to grow

### Planting and care

You locate your asparagus plants on a walk where you know you will find them. Here in Tuscany they will be in the asparagaie - a whole area known to the locals, and me, where asparagus grows everywhere.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Part shade	well drained soil	Medium	12c	Apply any organic fertilizer

### Caring for Wild Asparagus

Plant them, one by one, in garden center container cells and keep them watered. Don't forget them while all the other plants come out and do their thing. Asparagus shoots are slow performers! Erotically so. Water daily. Prepare the soil outdoors after ten weeks; till it and add grit or sand if it is clay like. Humus will lighten it too.

## Typical uses of Wild Asparagus

**Special features:** *Asparagus densiflorus*, commonly called asparagus fern, is noted for its dense fern-like foliage which forms an arching mound that matures to 1-3' tall spreading to 3-4' wide. It is not a fern, however, but is a member of the asparagus family. It is native primarily to coastal areas in the southeastern part of the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa.

**Ornamental use:** Garden Uses Where winter hardy, it may be grown in borders or along foundations. Forms an interesting ground cover. Use in pots, containers and hanging baskets. Container plants make excellent houseplants for bright, sun-filtered areas. Green stems are valued by florists for adding to flower arrangements.

## References

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