Flying Saucers Pattypan Squash

Cucurbita pepo var. clypeata 'Flying Saucers'



Flying Saucers Pattypan Squash fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Spacing: 20 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

An easy to grow variety with compact vines and bushy habit, great for small spaces; interesting looking, green and yellow bi-colored fruit with scalloped edges; mild with a nutty flavor, an excellent choice for culinary dishes

Edible Qualities

Flying Saucers Pattypan Squash is an annual vegetable plant that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces small yellow round fruit with dark green variegation and creamy white flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The fruits have a mild taste.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Baking
- Freezing

Planting & Growing

Flying Saucers Pattypan Squash will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 20 inches apart. This vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

This plant is typically grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant is a heavy feeder that requires frequent fertilizing throughout the growing season to perform at its best. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

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Flying Saucers Pattypan Squash is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

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