

# Hot Chile Peppers

*Capsicum annuum*, *Capsicum baccatum*, *Capsicum chinense*, *Capsicum frutescens*. Chiles are grown the world over and prized for the heat-delivering power of the capsaicin in their seeds, their flavor, and their health-enhancing qualities. SHU refers to Scoville Heat Units, with a bell pepper registering 0 and pure capsaicin upwards of 15,000,000. Chiles grown in northern climates like Wisconsin are likely to be less hot than they would be in ideal conditions. Plant in a well-drained fertile, sunny location after any danger of frost.

## 'Aji Amarillo'

*C. baccatum*

SHU: 50,000

Days to harvest: 85

20" tall, yellow orange to red; conical; wrinkled. Prolific producer; dry for powder. (Seeds of Change)

## 'Anaheim'

*C. annuum*

SHU: 2,500

Days to harvest: 90

30" tall plant is vigorous, with high yields. Fruit is 8" long and red. A popular chile, commonly used for making ristras. (Totally Tomatoes)

## 'Ancho San Martin'

*C. annuum*

SHU: 5,000

Days to harvest: 75

A mild poblano (called "ancho" when dried); 5.5" red fruit; good yields. (Totally Tomatoes)

## 'Bhut Jolokia'

*C. chinense*

SHU: > 1 m!

Days to harvest: ?

Originally from the Assam region of India, these incendiary chiles are surpassed only by the Dorset Naga. Long growing season. (Chile Pepper Institute)

## 'Black Pearl'

*C. annuum*

SHU: 30,000

Days to harvest: 110

2006 AAS winner; black foliage. Black fruit matures to red. Generally grown as an ornamental, it is a beautiful, vigorous container plant that tolerates heat and humidity. (Twilley)

## 'Bolivian Rainbow'

*C. annuum*

SHU: 8,000

Days to harvest: 75

1" purple, orange, red, and yellow fruit on this vigorous ornamental that does well in containers. Both foliage and flowers are purple. (Tomato Growers)

## 'Cheyenne Orange Chili'

*C. annuum*

SHU: 855,000

Days to harvest: 65

4" orange fruit on a dwarf plant. Perfect for containers. AAS and Fleuroselect winner!

## 'Chiltepin'

*C. annuum*

SHU: 100,000

Days to harvest: 90

10" bush form with 1/2" red, pea-shaped fruit. Very prolific. (Totally Tomatoes)

## 'Chinese Five Color'

*C. annuum*

SHU: 300,000

Days to harvest: ?

This beautiful ornamental is great for containers: purple, red, orange, yellow, green fruit. (Reimer)

## 'Chocolate Habanero'

*C. chinense*

SHU: 385,000

Days to harvest: 95

2.5" lantern-shaped velvety brown fruit on this high-yield plant. (Totally Tomatoes)

## 'Cow Horn'

*C. annuum*

SHU: 1,000

Days to harvest: 75

8" slender curved red fruit; one of the largest non-bell sweet stuffing peppers. (Ivy Garth)

## 'Dancing Spirit'

*C. annuum*

SHU: 30,000

Days to harvest: 74

High yields of 3" fruit mature and fade from yellow to red in a lovely display. (Cook's)

## 'Jalapeno Summer Heat'

*C. annuum*

SHU: 5,000

Days to harvest: 80

This early jalapeno prefers moist rich soils and bears unusual, scarred fruit.

## 'Joe's Long Cayenne'

*C. annuum*

SHU: 30,000

Days to harvest: 85

This 10" long, slender cayenne is good for ristras and for making hot sauce.

**'Limon'**

*C. frutescens*

SHU: 30,000

Days to harvest: 80

This extremely prolific plant bears bright yellow 1.5" tapered and wrinkled fruit that has a pronounced fruity, smoky flavor. As with habaneros, cooking diminishes the fruit flavor. (Reimer)

**'Mushroom'**

*C. chinense*

SHU: 30,000

Days to harvest: 90

Another heavy bearing variety, this plant produces unusual mushroom-shaped 2" red fruit that has a fruity aftertaste. (Totally Tomatoes)

**'Orange Thai'**

*C. annuum*

SHU: 30,000

Days to harvest: 85

This compact plant grows well in containers and the vivid orange, spiky fruit is highly ornamental. Use these small, slender pods whole in Thai or Chinese cooking. (Totally Tomatoes)

**'Peter'**

*C. annuum*

SHU: 30,000

Days to harvest: 90

One look will tell you why this unusually-shaped fruit is so named. 4 - 6" wrinkled red fruit with a blunt end on 20 - 30" tall plants. Heirloom variety. (Totally Tomatoes)

**'Pinocchio's Nose'**

*C. annuum*

SHU: ?

Days to harvest: 85

This 10" long slender fruit is a cayenne with high yields; great for ristras. (Thompson & Morgan)

**'Pretty in Purple'**

*C. annuum*

SHU: hot

Days to harvest: 85

Purple to red elongated fruit on an all-purple 30" tall plant; grown as an ornamental. (Reimer)

**'Red Caribbean'**

*C. chinense*

SHU: 400,000

Days to harvest: 90

1" tapered red fruit. A habanero type pepper. 30" tall. Very hot!

**'Rocotillo'**

*C. chinense*

SHU: 2,000

Days to harvest: 82

A cousin to the habanero, this red patty pan-shaped fruit packs almost no heat and can be used red or green.

Like the habanero it has a fruity taste that diminishes with cooking. (Tomato Growers)

**'Rooster Spur'**

*C. annuum*

SHU: 30,000

Days to harvest: 95

This 100-year-old heirloom features 1.5" long red rooster spur-shaped fruit on compact bushes. Very prolific, and the fruit points upwards so it's easier to pick. (Reimer)

**'Scotch Bonnet'**

*C. chinense*

SHU: 350,000

Days to harvest: 120

A cousin to the habanero, the small red fruit on this plant matures later. (Tomato Growers)

**'Tepin'**

*C. annuum*

SHU: 240,000

Days to harvest: 200

The 1.5" round red fruit on this plant are deceptively innocent looking! (Reimer)