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# Aubergine 'Chinese Ancestors'

*Solanum melongena* 'Chinese Ancestors' Also known as: **Eggplant 'Chinese Ancestors', Guinea Squash 'Chinese Ancestors'**

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This description is for species

**Aubergine (*Solanum melongena*):**

To the professionals, it is *Solanum melongena*; to the rest of us it is either an Aubergine or Eggplant depending on the side of the Atlantic we reside on. The plant has large, mid-green, coarsely lobed leaves, with a spiny stem, and while the Aubergine is grown primarily for its fruit, it still boasts a delicate beauty when in bloom. Its flowers are small, with five-petalled blossoms usually purple in colour and with eye-catching bright yellow stamens. Some cultivars produce the fruit early in season, but it is highly useful as garden produce, and is best to grow under glass.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> no	<b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral	<b>Standard category</b> Vegetables & herbs Vegetables
<b>Height [m]</b> 0.3 - 0.5	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z4-10	<b>Grown for</b> Culinary use
<b>Spread [m]</b> 0.5	<b>Heat zone</b> H12-1	<b>Creative category</b> Kid Approved Fast growing Outdoor food
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Pink	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -34 - 4	<b>Garden type</b> Kitchen garden
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Heat days</b> 0 - 210	<b>Gardening expertise</b> intermediate

Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Green	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained	<b>Time to reach full size</b> 1 to 2 years
<b>Propagation methods</b> seed	<b>Soil type</b> sandy loams	
<b>Growth habit</b> Climbing Irregular	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun	
	<b>Exposure</b> Sheltered	