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# broccoli 'Purple Sprouting'

*Brassica oleracea var. italica* 'Purple Sprouting' Also known as: **Sprouting Broccoli** 'Purple Sprouting' 'Purple Sprouting'

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This description is for species

*broccoli (Brassica oleracea var. Italica):*

*Brassica oleracea var. Italica* or Purple Sprouting Broccoli is an edible variety with compact purple colour flower heads that appear in the spring. Purple sprouting broccoli has come into favour over recent years and can be found on many restaurant menus. This variety thrives in alkaline loamy or sandy soil. It's a tasty and unusual alternative to the usual green broccoli. It does take up space in the vegetable garden, that's why you'll pay more for it at the greengrocers than the larger green broccoli. Snip off the buds for your cooking and you should find new shoots will appear.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> no	<b>Acidity</b> Neutral Alkaline	<b>Standard category</b> Vegetables & herbs Vegetables
<b>Height [m]</b> 0.3 - 0.5	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z6-11	<b>Grown for</b> Culinary use
<b>Spread [m]</b> 0.45	<b>Heat zone</b> H6-1	<b>Creative category</b> Kid Approved Fast growing Outdoor food
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Inconspicuous or absent	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -23 - 4	<b>Garden type</b> Kitchen garden
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Heat days</b> 0 - 60	<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>Foliage in Autumn</b> Green	<b>Soil type</b> sandy Clay loams	
<b>Propagation methods</b> seed	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun	
<b>Growth habit</b> Clump-forming Irregular	<b>Exposure</b> Sheltered	