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# Courgette 'Black Forest'

*Cucurbita pepo* 'Black Forest' Also known as: **Zucchini 'Black Forest', Gem squash 'Black Forest', Italian squash 'Black Forest'**

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This description is for species *Pumpkin, Courgette or Marrow (Cucurbita pepo)*:

*Cucurbita pepo* is a species that includes many edible vegetables such as squash and courgette. It has attractive star shaped yellow flowers and usually grows in a clump low to the ground although some varieties are climbers. The fruit appears in summer and can vary wildly in appearance from long and green to large round and variegated orange and yellow in colour. This species usually has large leaves and spreads, so it needs plenty of space in the garden. The fruit can also sometimes be very large in size. It's a versatile vegetable, great for soups or stews. It will grow well in a sunny spot with well-drained soil.



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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> 0.5 - 0.7	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z3-9	<b>Grown for</b> Edible fruit
<b>Spread [m]</b> 0.3 - 0.4	<b>Heat zone</b> H12-1	<b>Creative category</b> Kid Approved Simple food Fast growing Outdoor food
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Yellow	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -40 - -1	<b>Garden type</b> Kitchen garden

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<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Heat days</b> 0 - 210	<b>Gardening expertise</b> intermediate
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Early summer Mid summer Late summer	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained	<b>Time to reach full size</b> 1 to 2 years
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Green	<b>Soil type</b> sandy loams	
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Green	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun	
<b>Propagation methods</b> seed	<b>Exposure</b> Sheltered	
<b>Growth habit</b> Climbing		