

Ornamental cabbage

Brassica oleracea Also known as: **Ornamental kale**

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This description is for *Ornamental cabbage (Brassica oleracea)*:

"Oh I do like to be beside the sea-side"

Brassica oleracea or wild cabbage is a native European plant. It struggles to grow with other plants, and it has a high tolerance for salt and lime so it's usually found in coastal areas growing on limestone cliffs. It grows a rosette of thick fleshy leaves, from which grows a tall spike of yellow flowers, up to seven feet high. It's an edible plant, rich in Vitamin C, and has been grown for eating for thousands of years. It has a slightly bitter taste and can be harvested all year round. It likes a moist soil with good drainage and will grow in most conditions but it isn't frost hardy. It will grow in full sun or partial shade.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? no	Acidity Neutral Alkaline	Standard category Vegetables & herbs Vegetables
Height [m] 0.2 - 0.3	Hardiness zone Z6-11	Grown for Culinary use
Spread [m] 0.25	Heat zone H6-1	Creative category Kid Approved Fast growing Outdoor food

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Dominant flower colour Green	Winter temperatures [°C] -23 - 4	Garden type Kitchen garden
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Heat days 0 - 60	Gardening expertise intermediate
Foliage in summer Green	Moisture well-drained	Time to reach full size 1 to 2 years
Foliage in Autumn Green	Soil type sandy loams	
Propagation methods seed	Sun requirements Full sun	
Growth habit Clump-forming Irregular	Exposure Sheltered	