

Pumpkin, Courgette or Marrow

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

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

Courgette to the Europeans and zucchini to the Yanks, this yummy squash doesn't care what you call it - just give it some love and be rewarded with delicious produce - and don't forget to eat the flowers!

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
Known dangers? no	Acidity Acidic Neutral	Standard category Vegetables & herbs Vegetables
Height [m] 0.7 - 1	Hardiness zone Z3-9	Grown for Edible fruit
Spread [m] 0.9	Heat zone H12-1	Creative category Kid Approved Simple food Fast growing Outdoor food
Dominant flower colour Yellow	Winter temperatures [°C] -40 - -1	Garden type Kitchen garden
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Heat days 0 - 210	Gardening expertise intermediate
Flowering seasons Early summer Mid summer Late summer	Moisture well-drained	Time to reach full size 1 to 2 years
Foliage in spring Green	Soil type sandy loams	
Foliage in summer Green	Sun requirements Full sun	
Propagation methods seed	Exposure Sheltered	
Growth habit Clump-forming Irregular		