

Arcana Basil List 2019

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Green - Large Leaf	
Aroma 2	Classic basil appearance and taste of Genovese basil. Fusarium resistant.
British	One of the most cold tolerant of the basil, bred to stand up to cool, rainy British summers.
Eleonora	24-30" in height, 3" leaves, spicier flavor than the traditional types, downy mildew resistance.
Envigor Genovese	Resistant to alfalfa mosaic virus, tomato spotted wilt virus, and cucumber mosaic virus. Large leaves and classic flavor.
Everleaf	Neat, columnar habit makes this a good choice for container planting. Makes great pesto!
Gecofure	GENovese COmpacto FUsarium REsistant, good flavor and uniformity.
Genovese	Best for making the beloved pesto, strong aroma and heavy yields this basil also loves heat and sun.
Italiano Classico	18" Italian heirloom, the original Genovese strain, large green leaf, use for pesto, sauces, etc. Wonderful old fashioned flavor!
Large Leafed Italian	A large-leaf basil with a sweeter taste than genovese and less like cloves. Grows to 24-30" tall and is high-yielding.
Lettuce Leaf	Large creased leaves and a lot of foliage make this the perfect ingredient for favorite basil recipes.
Napoletano Bolloso	Huge, 4" leaves that have a slight anise flavor. Excellent for mini wraps!
Nufar	Genovese-type basil with good flavor and aroma. Fusarium wilt resistant.
Pesto Genovese	14" powerful Genovese type selected for strongest aroma and taste, luscious large green leaf.
Plenty	Spoon shaped Genovese, dark green, bushy, intense aroma, long shelf life, 14"
San Valentino	Italian heirloom from Abruzzo, light green, large lightly blistered leaf, known for its great flavor, 18" tall.
Snowball	Dense, bushy plants are white flowered. Very attractive in herb garden plantings or landscapes, tastes good, too.
Superbo	Improved basil used for pesto, medium size with compact form, dark leaves saturated with flavor.
Sweet	Heavy yields, great flavor, another good choice for pesto or drying.
Green - Small Leaf	
Aristotle	Small green leaves, forms a basketball-sized mound, good for container growing.
Fino Verde	Small-leafed bush-type basil, grows well in planters-- pinch back to encourage bushiness.
Greek Mini	A petite basil which grows like a bonsai into a compact 6-9" dome. Good in windowboxes and for cooking.
Spicy Bush	Tidy, small dome-shaped plants with tiny leaves. Slightly hot, spicy, sweet basil scent--a little goes a long way! Also known as Greek Basil.
Red Leaf	
Amethyst Improved	Almost black, this is the only Genovese-type purple basil. Large, thick leaves, grows to 18" tall.
Punsch	Spicy, dark-leaved basil. Minty spice flavor is delicious in drinks, such as cocktails and punches.
Purple Delight	Dark purple with little or no green coloration. Strong flavor and scent.
Purple Opal	Purple leaves, perfect for making basil vinegar.
Purple Osmin	Darkest purple leaves and stems. Sweet scent, pale lilac flowers.
Red Osmin	Deep red leaves and stems. Sweet scent, pale flowers.
Rosie	Intensely purple, with strong stems, and compact habit.
Scented	
African Blue	A tender perennial, instead of a true annual like other basil. A cross between 2 species of basil, only grown from cuttings. Musky clove scent, used in pestos, Middle Eastern dishes, and as an excellent pollinator plant for honeybees.
Amrita	Colorful, tasty tea plant. This tulsi-type basil is high in anxiety-reducing compounds, such as Rosmarinic acid. Winters over indoors.
Cinnamon	Cinnamon scented, shiny leaves, pink flowers. Good for teas, jellies, curries, or marinades.
Floral Spires	Compact, container version of Thai basil. Lavender pink flower spikes, great in window boxes.
Kivumbasi Lime	18" basil from Zanzibar, makes a lovely, restorative tea with a strong citrus scent.
Krishna	Many people favor this variety of tulsi, also known as "Black Tulsi". Perennial in the tropics, it has small purple leaves and an open habit.
Lemon	Small leafed, lemon scented basil, good for fish, poultry, rice, salad dressings, tea. Japanese beetle repellent.
Licorice	Anise-like flavor, a nice touch to tomato dishes. Easy to grow, leaves and flowers paler in color than other basil.
Lime	Yummy lime-scented basil adds a unique citrus taste to seafood! Tall, upright plant grows 20-26" tall.
Mrihani	Traditional basil from Zanzibar, ruffled leaves are licorice-scented, and great in coconut curries!
Mrs. Burns Lemon	Strongest lemon flavor of all the lemon basil. Heirloom variety grown in New Mexico.
Ouzo	This basil tastes very similar to the Greek liqueur Ouzo, with strong anise overtones. Flowers are lavender with dark purple stems.
Persian	Known as Reyhan in Persian cuisine, often eaten raw, as a garnish, with meats, especially kebabs. Lemony, licorice taste.
Persian Zing	24" plant, add its dark green leaves to salads for extra zest and zing, purple spikes
Queenette	Most aromatic and flavorful of the Thai basil. Mild licorice flavor used in Thai and Vietnamese dishes.
Sacred (Kapoor)	Tulsi type, best for temperate gardens. Fruity scent, fuzzy green leaves, good in herbal teas. Upright habit, 15" tall.
Siam Queen Thai	Sweet and spicy, with an anise flavor, 3-4" long leaves.
Sweet Thai	Strong spicy anise-clove scent for cooking. Commonly used in Thailand for cooking, called "Horapha". Great for containers.
Thai Magic	20-24" plants with shiny, bright leaves. Used in Thai and Vietnamese cooking because of its mild anise flavor.
Vana	A delicious tea herb, this tulsi basil has large, soft leaves with a high eugenol oil content. Large plant, very high yielding.