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Orange Zinger Tomato Solanum lycopersicum 'Orange Zinger'

Height: 7 feet Spread: 4 feet Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Cherry/Grape-Indeterminate

## **Description:**

Big flavor, small fruit; vigorous indeterminate vines produce large yields of crack resistant, deep orange cherry tomatoes; sweet and tangy with citrus aromas, perfect for snacking and adding to salads; best planted in ground



Orange Zinger Tomato fruit Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

## **Edible Qualities**

Orange Zinger Tomato is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces orange round tomatoes (which are technically 'berries') with orange flesh which are usually ready for picking from mid summer to early fall. This is an indeterminate variety, which means it produces fruit throughout the growing season. The tomatoes have a delicious taste with a juicy texture and a sweet fragrance.

The tomatoes are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Canning
- Sauces

## **Planting & Growing**

Orange Zinger Tomato will grow to be about 7 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 3 feet apart. Because of its vigorous growth habit, it may require staking or supplemental support. This fast-growing vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

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This plant can be integrated into a landscape or flower garden by creative gardeners, but is usually grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Orange Zinger Tomato is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.