

Southern Giant Curled Mustard



History:
Popular in
Southern
U.S. gardens
since the
late 1800s
and earned
an All-
America Se-
lections
(AAS) Gold
Medal in
1934/1935.
Open-
pollinated
heirloom.

***Brassica juncea* 'Southern Giant Curled'**

- **Use:** Red Giant is a brilliant maroon with deep green midribs, so showy you may just have to plant two crops -- one in the veggie patch and one along the walkway or in your annual border! These leaves are slightly textured for a better bite and good holding power. The flavor is zesty and full, with a good bite that you just can't find in store-bought mustard greens. Winter-hardy plants can be harvested gradually without loss of flavor or texture! The deep color is not only attractive in you ornamental bed with snapdragons and pansies but it can be used in salads as additional color.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Plant in full sun. Prefers moist, rich soils with good drainage.
- **Growth:** Upright, vigorous plants growing 18 to 24 inches tall. Space plants 4-6" apart; space rows 12-18" apart.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-8; Annual; Lasts all winter and spring.
- **Foliage:** Large, bright green, deeply frilled and tightly curled leaves. Notably slow to bolt compared to other mustards, though warm weather will eventually increase pungency.
- **Flower:** Piquant and spicy (peppery mustard bite), becoming milder when grown in cool weather or harvested young.

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