



Common Name: Basil, Christmas

Botanical Name: *Ocimum basilicum* 'Christmas'



- **Type:** Annual
- **Height:** 12 – 18 in.
- **Width:** 10 - 12 in.
- **Habit:** Upright
- **Flower:** Deep purple
- **Bloom Season:** Mid to late summer
- **Foliage:** Large, glossy, green
- **Flavor:** Sweet/fruity
- **Fragrance:** Sultry mulled wine scent with a hint of pine
- **Sun:** Full to partial shade
- **Soil:** Warm soil with a bit of compost
- **Water:** Average to slightly moist
- **Tolerant:** Deer, cold
- **Resistant:**
- **Attracts:** Butterflies, bees  
- **Uses:** Ornamental, fragrance garden, Christmas wedding bouquets, savory pesto without pine nuts, salad
- **Harvesting:** Frequent pruning, including removal of flower stalks, encourages new leaf growth, more branching & discourages flowering.

