


Common Name: Basil, Italian large leaf

Botanical Name: *Ocimum basilicum*



- **Type:** Annual
- **Height:** 14 – 18 in.
- **Width:** 12 in.
- **Habit:** Upright
- **Flower:** White
- **Bloom Season:** Mid – late summer
- **Foliage:** Large, 3 – 4 in., crinkled leaves
- **Flavor:** Classic basil
- **Fragrance:** Sweet
- **Sun:** Full to partial shade
- **Soil:** Warm soil with a bit of compost
- **Water:** Average to slightly moist
- **Tolerant:** Deer
- **Resistant:** Resist going to seed
- **Attracts:** Butterflies, bees 
- **Uses:** Containers, cut foliage, fragrance garden, salad, sandwiches, with fresh tomatoes, pesto, Italian dishes, chicken dishes, wrappers for grilling
- **Harvesting:** Frequent pruning, including removal of flower stalks, encourages new leaf growth, more branching & discourages flowering.

