



ANNUAL I LAMIACEAE FAMILY ZONES: HARDY TO ZONES 10 TO 12 EXPOSURE: FULL SUN MATURE HEIGHT: 3 FT I SPREAD 2 FT BLOOM: PURPLE I SUMMER





Holy basil has many edible parts, the flowers, leaves, seeds, and extract can all be used medicinally. The fresh flowers are used to treat bronchitis; the leaves and seeds treat malaria; and extract for stomach ulcers and eye diseases. The entire plant can be used to treat nausea and vomiting.

- Ayurvedic medicine calls it "The Queen of Herbs," "The Incomparable One," "The Mother Medicine of Nature."
- Therapeutic\*: an adaptogenic herb that is also an antioxidant and provide stress relief, it is used for anxiety, stress, managing diabetes and high cholesterol, and promote longevity.
- Culinary: used in the same ways as sweet basil though it is commonly cooked or used in teas rather than raw. Fragrant leaves have a spicy bite that is a mix of clove, mint, and basil flavor.

<u>Caution</u>: Not for use in pregnancy. Consult with a qualified healthcare practitioner before using herbal products.





\*Information is based on research of the historical uses of this herb and does not constitute medical advice. Consult a medical professional before using any herb for therapeutic purposes. Download PDF www.herb-and-vine.com