

# Ichiban Type Japanese Eggplant



**Light:** Full sun

**Fruit size:** 10 inches long

**Matures:** 50 to 60 days

**Plant spacing:** 24 to 36 inches apart

**Plant size:** 3 to 4 feet tall and 2 to 3 feet wide

Produces massive crops of slim, 10-inch long, purplish-black fruit. Like all eggplant, this hybrid loves warm weather but also does well in cooler climates and continues producing well into fall. Very productive. Well suited for containers. Sweet and succulent. Great for grilling and roasting. This is one of the long, thin eggplants you may see served in gourmet restaurants because the skin is thin and the flavor is sweet and mild.

# Black Beauty Eggplant



**Light:** Full sun

**Fruit size:** Up to 8 inches long

**Matures:** 80 days

**Plant spacing:** 24 to 36 inches apart

**Plant size:** 3 to 4 feet tall

Tender, tasty purplish-black fruits are great in a variety of dishes. Excellent breaded or fried. Eggplants love warm weather but are damaged by cold. Plants produce 4 to 6 large fruit, or more if kept harvested and well watered. Fruit makes a good “boat” for stuffing. For best quality, harvest before its glossy, dark skin begins fading to dull purple. To determine ripeness, just remember that skin color and tone (glossy versus dull) is more important than size of the fruit. Easy to grow. Keeps well.

# Patio Baby Mini Eggplant



**Light:** Full sun

**Fruit size:** 2 to 3 inches long

**Matures:** 45 days

**Plant spacing:** 24 inches apart

**Plant size:** 10 to 24 inches tall

Get ready to harvest a bumper crop of tiny eggplants! The glossy, purple-black eggplants are never bitter, even if you leave them on plants for a few days once they ripen. Fruits mature in just 45 days, and once you start picking, you won't stop until fall frost. This is a 2014 All-America Selections Award Winner, developed for the shorter growing seasons of the Midwest and Northeast, though it grows well in a wide variety of climates. To grow in containers, plant one per 18-inch pot.

# Unnamed Indian Variety