

IT WEIGHS 301 ½ lbs., it's Burpee's Right Royal squash, and it was viewed with delight at the Canadian Winter Fair in Toronto by a member of royalty -- Britain's Prince Philip.

Grow Midgets Or Giants Nowadays



TOMATOES IN APRIL? Yes/say the Burpee people, who bred this new Pixie hybrid tomato. It grows in a pot and is the earliest-tomato to ripen, indoors or out. If you start seeds indoors by a sunny window now, you'll have ripe fruit by April.

If you have just a wee little garden (or if you have a small appetite), midget fruits and vegetables are just the thing to grow.

How about "Tom Thumb" lettuce with full grown heads no larger than a tennis ball, or midget carrots the size of a finger? There is a midget cucumber with four inch cukes on vines two feet long, and corn stalks 2 ½ feet high with four inch ears. You could grow corn in a pot on the patio -- complete with a midget scare - crow.

Midget watermelons are great for our climate because they ripen in a shorter time. They weigh three to five pounds and are just a nice handful. The mini - muskmelons are the size of a baseball and are abundantly produced on three foot long vines.

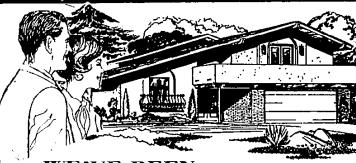
Don't overlook dwarf fruit trees. You can grow full - size apples and pears on trees not much taller than a man. Makes it nice and easy to pick those delicious apples.

Most popular of the minis are midget tomatoes. "Small Fry" and "Tiny Tim" have lots of little tomatoès on foot-tall plants. Great for a pot plant, either on the patio or in a sunny window indoors.

If you take the big view of life and prefer giants there are some plants just for you. Try "Burpee Delicious" or "Big Boy" tomatoes. Each fruit will weigh over a pound.

Burpee's "Right Royal" Squash is a real giant. It can weigh over 300 pounds. Sad to say, it really isn't edible. However, "Big Max" pumpkins which average over 100 pounds are good for pies and are really great for jack-o-lanterns.

Maybe it's just for the birds, but "Mamouth" sunflowers grow 10 feet tall with heads more than a foot across, incidentally, the seeds are delicious and are as nourishing for people as for birds.



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