

Growing Naga Chillies

- The superhot chillies (in excess of 500,000 SHU) are known by numerous names, the most well known being Naga, Ghost and Bhut Jolokia. We refer to them as nagas, but include all superhots in that grouping.
- The current hottest chilli is the Carolina Reaper, grown by Ed Currie of PuckerButt Pepper Company (USA), which rates at an average of 1,641,183 SHU.
- Nagas are not a chilli for beginners, in terms of either taste or growing them. Most of them originate from the hot regions, and consequently they need a hot environment to grow successfully. **In the UK, you will need a greenhouse or polytunnel to have any chance of success.**
- The plants you buy from us will have been started in a heated propagator, and then grown on using SunBlaster lights, and regularly fed with Chilli Focus plant food. By the time they reach you, they will be used to an unheated, frost-free, sunny greenhouse. You should aim to replicate these conditions at home.
- Re-pot the chilli when there are roots emerging through the holes in the bottom of the pot, and use a good quality compost. The pot size should be 10L, or bigger if you have the space in your greenhouse or polytunnel, as the size of the pot will influence how big the plant grows.
- Your plants will need regular feeding, and we recommend using Chilli Focus (available from us). When feeding the plants, follow the instructions on the plant food bottle / pack for frequency and amount.
- The plants will need support with canes or growing cages to prevent them collapsing under their own weight.
- We do not advise saving seed from our plants as they are not grown under isolation conditions, and while the fruit will be the named variety, the seeds harvested are likely to be a crossed with any of the 200+ varieties of pepper or chilli we grow in our greenhouse.