

GOJI BERRY



- Goji berries are native to Asia and have been used there since at least 300BC. Over the last 20 or so years they have been available in the UK, initially touted as a 'superfood', and now widely available in their dried form in supermarkets.
- The plant is a hardy shrub that will grow in partial shade but will produce a much bigger crop in full sun. Once established it will tolerate wind, salt-laden air, and drought, making it a fairly easy plant to grow, especially in coastal areas.
- It needs a fertile free-draining soil, so dig in well rotted manure or garden compost (not multi-purpose compost) when you plant it. It can be grown in a large container, but this will restrict its size as in the ground it can be up to 2 m wide.
- The plant produces lax thorny canes so it will benefit from being tied to a trellis / obelisk / wall to provide support. The plant produces purple flowers and then red berries on stems that grew the previous year, so pruning should be with the aim of encouraging new growth.