

Jack Bean

Canavalia ensiformis

Family: Papilionaceae (puh-pil-ee-uh-NAY-see-ay)

Genus: *Canavalia* (kan-uh-VAY-lee-uh)

Species: *ensiformis* (en-see-FORM-iss)

Category

Annuals

Vegetables

Bloom Time

Mid Summer

Late Summer/Early Fall

Mid Fall

Height

24-36 in. (60-90 cm)

Foliage

Grown for foliage

Spacing

3-6 in. (7-15 cm)

6-9 in. (15-22 cm)

Other details

Drought-tolerant; suitable for xeriscaping

Hardiness

Soil pH requirements

5.1 to 5.5 (strongly acidic)

5.6 to 6.0 (acidic)

Sun Exposure

Full Sun

Light Shade

Propagation Methods

From seed; sow indoors before last frost

From seed; direct sow after last frost

Danger

Bloom Color

Magenta (Pink-Purple)

Seed Collecting

Allow pods to dry on plant; break open to collect seeds