



Devil's Claw

Proboscidea spp. Cultivated by many Southwest tribes, the seed is rich in oil and protein. The black fiber of the fruit or "claw" is used in basketry. Dried seeds can be peeled and eaten, and are sometimes used to polish ollas. The young fruits, when still tender, can be cooked as an okra-like vegetable. Very heat tolerant, the flowers and summer foliage make these attractive landscape plants. Approx. 15 seeds/packet..



Domesticated Multi-claw

Proboscidea spp.. White-seeded, each pod splits into 3-4 claws. Average claw length is 8 inches.



Eagle Creek

Proboscidea parviflora var. *parviflora*.. Grown out from a single claw found by hikers at the Eagle Creek/Gila River confluence. Medium-length claws, white seeds. Low Desert



Hopi

NEW! *Proboscidea parviflora* var. *hohokamiana*. White-seeded domesticated plants from the Hopi Reservation. Long claws and pale-pink flowers. A new grow-out of a 1979 collection.



Moreles

Proboscidea triloba var. *triloba*.. From Morelos in southern Mexico. A wild annual, with claws 3-4 inches long and black seeds. Violet flowers are very fragrant.



Paiute

Proboscidea parviflora var. *hohokamiana*. A white-seeded domesticated variety grown on the Shivwits Paiute Reservation in southwest Utah.



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Proboscidea parviflora var. *hohokamiana*.. Formerly Chemehuevi. A white-seeded domesticate collected from a Chemehuevi basket maker in 1979. She originally obtained the seed from the Supai.

Culture

Presoak seeds for better germination. Plant with summer rains, 1/2 inch deep, and allow 2-4 feet between plants. Plants respond to hot, humid conditions of the summer monsoons.

Seedsaving

Varieties of this insect-pollinated annual will cross. Allow pods to dry and mature on the plant. Harvest the claws when they begin to open. Seeds can be removed with long, blunt needles, ice picks or pliers; be careful not to get poked by the razor-sharp claws.