

# Pepper Pod Types

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Pepper pod shapes are a “horticultural”, not botanical classification.

### annuum

Ancho – “wide” chile (New Mexican), heart shaped (Poblano, Ancho Magnifico)  
Asian – upright (Thai Red)  
Bell – blocky, 3 or 4 lobes  
Cayenne – long skinny pendant, often wrinkly (Joe’s long cayenne)  
Cherry – Small, globe (Time Bomb)  
Cuban – long slender pendant (Corno di Toro, Marconi, Melrose, Cubanelle)  
De Árbol – like a small cayenne  
European – varied shapes, cool season, like Hungarian types  
Jalapeño – conical, 2-3”, corking  
Mirasol – conical, most upright (Fresno)  
New Mexican – Anaheims (California Chile, Magdalena, Hatch, Big Jim, Joe E Parker)  
Ornamental – less tasty, varied shapes/colors (Black Pearl)  
Paprika – eastern European, mild  
Pasilla – elongate, cylindrical, furrowed  
Peperoncini – Italian for chile pepper, 3-5” conical  
Pimiento – sweet, 3-4” heart shaped  
Piquin – bird pepper, small, very hot (Chiltepin)  
Serrano – 1-4” pendant  
Squash – looks like round fruit squashed (Scotch bonnet)  
Wax – Shiny skin (HHW, Santa Fe)

These species are not well cataloged for pod types, but here are examples

chinensis – 7 Pot, Bhut Jolokia, Trinidad, Hot Paper Lantern, Scorpion, Naga, Habanero, Datil, Rocotillo, Fatalii – wrinkly types

pubescens – apple shaped Rocoto

frutescens – Tabasco

baccatum - Bishop’s Crown, Ají Peppers