

### Special Naga Jolokia Growing Tips

First, please read How To Grow Hot Peppers on our website carefully and closely follow the directions, <http://ushotstuff.com/Growing.Tips.htm>.

Naga Jolokia require soil temperatures to be between **80F and 90F** degrees for proper germination. Cool soil temperatures will extend germination time or not allow the seed to germinate at all. You may need to supply bottom heat with the aid of a propagation mat. Soil must be kept moderately moist, never being allowed to completely dry out and never allowed to become soggy. This will **destroy the embryo** in the seed and they will **not germinate**.

The Naga Jolokia can take up to **36 days** just to germinate and sometimes **germinate 70 days after planting** and have a very long growing period, up to 160 days after transplanting before any harvest of ripe fruit.

The Naga Jolokia is an interspecific hybrid, meaning it is a cross between two species, due to this it has a very hard time self-pollinating. For better pod development grow several plant next to each other. If your plants are indoors you will have to manually transfer pollen with a soft paint brush. It is typical for the first set of flowers to drop from the plant and not produce any pods, be patient, pods will eventually start to develop.

The Naga Jolokia is extremely hard to get started and somewhat difficult grow, therefore it is not recommend for the novice grower/gardener; even experienced professional growers have difficulty starting these peppers.