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Ocimum basilicum var. *purpurascens*

DARK OPAL BASIL is a perennial with tiny pink flowers.

It is also known as Purple basil.

Basilicum is derived from Greek *basileo-* (king) meaning ‘royal or princely’ with reference for some authorities to the classical practice that required the plant to be harvested only by the supreme ruler and for others to reputed healing properties. *Purpurascens* is derived from Latin *purpura* (purple, purple dye) meaning ‘purplish’.