

- What type of hybrid is Aspabroc broccolini?

Aspabroc broccolini (*Brassica oleraceae* var. *italica*) is a natural hybrid of cultivars of broccoli (*Brassica oleracea* var. *botrytis*) and gai lan (*Brassica oleracea* var. *alboglabra*). It is not genetically engineered. The hybrid was first developed in 1993 by Sakata Seed Company in Yokohama, Japan. It looks like broccoli raab with small clusters of florets with tender asparagus-like stems. It has a subtle sweet flavour, with a hint of peppery asparagus. It grows 45-60cm (20-24") tall, and matures quickly in 50 days. It grows best in cool weather, and can be planted as both an early and late crop.

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