

SEEDS FROM THE BEANSTALK

Vegetables



Carrot 'Mokum': 54 days. Early Nantes type hybrid. A short, very early carrot that has a great sweet flavor. It matures quickly making it ideal for early spring or fall gardens. Tops are shorter than other varieties.



Cucumber 'County Fair': 52 days. An early cucumber with a high yield of 3-4" long cucumbers ideal for both pickles and eating fresh. Plants have mostly female flowers and fruits will be almost seed free if grown away from other cucumbers. No pollinator is needed. This is the only variety resistant to bacterial wilt carried by cucumber beetles.



Cucumber 'Diva': 58 days. Diva is a 2002 All-America winner. It has smooth thin skin and a tender bitter free taste. Plants produce all female flowers and do not need another variety for pollination so they can be grown under row cover to keep insects off. Foliage is resistant to mildew and scab along with some resistance to cucumber beetles.



French Sorrel: 60 days. This perennial salad herb is a favorite of children. They have a sharp, sour lemony flavor making them delicious to eat right out of the garden. Young leaves are best. Can be eaten in salads or cooked gently for soups.



Gourd 'Baby Bottle': 100 days. Vining. A miniature version of the larger bottle gourd, these fruits are 3-4" long. They dry to a hard shell that can be painted or carved. Kids love to use these for crafts.



Gourd 'Luffa': 90 days. The plant that makes luffa sponges. Fruits can be eaten when they are 2-6" long and are called "Chinese Okra". Dry the gourds, shake out the seeds and soak to clean and you have great bath sponges.



Ground Cherry 'Aunt Molly': 70 days. Small tomato type fruit covered with a papery husk. Pick when fruits fall to the ground. The flavor is intensely sweet with pineapple tones. Great in pies and sauces. Wonderful fresh.



Kale 'Redor': 55 days. This deep red kale keeps its color all summer long and becomes more vivid in the cool fall. It makes a lovely accent plant when planted next to green kale.



Lettuce 'Canasta': 50 – 60 days. A KCCG favorite, Canasta is a Batavian type semi-heading lettuce that forms a crisp head with ruffled leaf edges. Leaves have a bronze edging. It is sweet and crispy tasting and holds well in summer heat.



Okra 'Annie Oakley II': 48 days. 4-5' tall This variety is able to produce 2-3 times as many pods as open pollinated varieties even in cool weather. Plants are short which makes them easier to pick.



Pumpkin 'Snackface': 105 days. Do you love roasted pumpkin seeds? This is the pumpkin for you. Semi-bush plants produce 2-3# fruits that have large hull-less seeds great for roasting. Doing double duty, the flesh is also good for pie.



Purslane 'Goldberg Golden': 50 days. A cultivated variety of the purslane that grows wild in gardens. It has crisp and mild succulent leaves that grow larger than its wild relative. Purslane has the highest levels of Omega 3 fatty acids of any other plant. Use it as a salad green or saute' lightly. This variety is very heat tolerant.



Radish ‘Easter Egg’: 30 days. This seed packet will produce beautiful radishes in a variety of colors (red, white, pink, purple) that are fun for kids to pick and eat. The roots grow larger than standard varieties and stay crisp and mild even when large.



Snap Pea ‘Sugar Ann’: 60 days. 2—2-1/2’ vines. This dwarf version of sugar snap peas has sweet, edible pods that have a juicy crunchy snap when eaten. Snap peas require cool weather and a trellis for a good harvest.



Tomatillo – San Juanito: 80 days. Extra large green fruit covered with a leafy husk. Great for salsa and other Mexican recipes. (determinate)



Black Cherry: 64 days after transplant. This is the first truly black cherry tomato. It has a lovely flavor that is sweet with a bit of tangy bite. Plants are indeterminate and need to be staked. Produces a large crop of 1” fruits. Tastes like an heirloom and produces like a hybrid. Start seed indoors 6-8 weeks before the last frost. Provide bright light to prevent leggy plants. Transplant outdoors around May 10-15.



Yardlong Bean 'Red Noodle': 85 days. Beans grow 16-20" long and as slender as a pencil. The burgundy color stands out on the plants. Young pods are sweet with an intense flavor. Older pods can be shelled for traditional southern peas. Plants produce heavily with up to 4 pods in cluster.



Watermelon 'Yellow Doll': 75-80 days. Brightly colored yellow flesh is sweet, crisp and juicy. Melons are about 3-5 lbs. which makes them easier to store in the refrigerator. Plants produce heavily.

Flowers



Cardinal Climber: 73 days. These vines have bright 1" blooms and deeply cut leaves. Part of the morning glory family, the flowers attract hummingbirds. Use the vines to cover a fence or unsightly feature in your yard. Vines grow 15-20' long and require a heavy fence or trellis to support the vines.



Cypress Vine 'Maiden Feather': Vining flower. Soft lacey leaves frame star-like flowers in red, pink and white. Blooms mid-summer to frost. The flowers are a favorite of hummingbirds. Requires a structure to climb on. Plants can be used to cover unsightly areas, fences or sides of buildings.



Hyacinth Bean 'Ruby Moon': This vigorous growing tropical vine has purple flowers, beans and leaves which are all edible. The bean pods are not especially good tasting and the dry seeds are reputedly toxic. The flowers have a nice crunchy, beany flavor. Vines grow very long, so support is needed. Flowering begins in late July or early August going until frost. This is the signature plant of The Beanstalk Children's Garden.



Marigold 'Janie' mix: 8" plants with 1-3/4" blooms. Moderate size plants with numerous brightly colored flowers. Plants produce more and larger flowers than other French types. An excellent choice for mass plantings. Start indoors 6-8 weeks before last frost, around March 20-30.



Moonflower 'White': 5" blooms open in the evening with a sweet fragrance. Vines grow 10-20' long.



Morning Glory 'Clark's Heavenly Blue': Vines over 12' long. Blooms late summer – frost. An improved blue morning glory with large luminous flowers. Vines climb up walls, fences and trellises. To aide germination either nick seed coat or soak for 36 – 48 hours before planting.



Nasturtium 'Whirlybird' mix: Dwarf plants with semi-double flowers. Large bright flowers are yellow, orange and red. Whirlybird tolerates more heat than standard varieties. Flowers and leaves are edible with a pleasant peppery flavor.



Zinnia 'Benary Giants' mixed colors: 75-90 days from transplanting. Benary zinnias have large vibrant blooms that are fully double. Plants are up to 4' tall with 4-6" stems. The flowers hold longer in the vase than standard zinnias. They are less susceptible to powdery mildew than most other zinnias. Keep flowers picked to stimulate blooming.

Just For Fun



Cotton: 165 – 180 days. This is the same cotton used to make your t-shirts and jeans. Some varieties have naturally colored fibers instead of white. Grow some of your own cotton and amaze your friends. Pull fiber off seeds and plant indoors in a 4" pot by April 1. Transplant outdoors around May 12-15. Bolls ripen and burst open in late fall. Plants grow 5-6' tall and may need staking to prevent tipping over.



Mouse Melon: Annual Vine—8-10' long. Also called Mexican gherkins, mouse melons look like tiny watermelons but taste like miniature cucumbers. Fruits are ripe when $\frac{3}{4}$ " long. Just pop one in your mouth and enjoy a crispy crunch. Can be eaten raw or used to make pickles.



Peanuts 'Tennessee Red': 110 days. An early maturing peanut that is a good choice for shorter growing seasons. Mature peanuts are delicious freshly dug. Roast them for a delicious snack this winter. Peanuts are mature around September 15 in our climate.



Sensitive Plant: An ornamental plant that is a favorite with kids. Touch the leaves and watch them go to sleep. Leaves are very sensitive to any touch. Watering, wind and rain will make them droop. In mid-summer there are soft pink flower puffs. Reseeds and volunteers freely for the next year. Start indoors if desired.



Sweet Sorghum 'Rox Orange': 110 days. 8' tall. Sweet sorghum is grown to make sorghum syrup. Seeds can be popped like popcorn. In the fall cut canes and suck out the sweet sap.



Toothache Plant 'Peek-a-Boo': This flower is also called "The Eyeball Plant". Look at the flower to see why. Take our test of bravery by eating a small bite of the flower. Your mouth will quickly get numb. Have fun teasing your family and friends with this unusual plant.