

BHGC Seed Library, starts/ seed descriptions

HERBS

Flowering Chinese Leek This popular Chinese specialty herb is a vigorous perennial. It is grown for its young flower buds, long stems and slender flat deep green blades that grow up to 14". All of these parts are edible including mature flowers and have a delicate garlic-onion flavor. This variety is suitable for harvest from mid spring to early fall when grown in a greenhouse, and from late spring to late fall when grown in the field. Sufficient vegetative growth (1-2 years) plus low temperatures in winter and long summer days are needed for flowering. Generally, Chinese leek will not flower in the first growing season. 70 days.

Dark Green Italian Parsley Flat and deeply cut leaves on very tall, stocky stems. Parsley is a cold-tolerant biennial that can be grown through the winter in mild climates. 80 days.

Santo Cilantro/ Coriander Coriander (seeds) is often used to enhance salsas and curries its sweet, spicy flavor. The leaves (cilantro) are used in Latin America cooking. May be slow to germinate.

Mammoth Sweet Basil A very large leafed basil, sought after for its culinary wrapping qualities. These large yellow-green leaves have slight puckering and a heavenly aroma.

Lovage Leaves for herb, roots to cook, seeds for spice

FLOWERS

Sunseed Sunflower Produces an abundance of large kernels that are great for snacking, and can be used for making sunflower oil, too. An early maturing variety, Sunseed makes 10"-14" heads on a 4'-5' tall plant.

GREENS, LETTUCE

Komatsuna is a popular traditional, *dento yasai*, Japanese green leafy vegetable. It has tender, deep green leaves, and a mild flavor that resembles spinach. A quick growing, upright type, it can be harvested all seasons with succession planting due to heat and cold tolerance. Delicious eaten at any stage. 30-50 days.

Red-Veined Sorrel Fast and easy to grow ornamental edible. The brilliantly contrasting color of crimson veins on green leaves look stunning both growing and on the plate. Its tangy, sharp, spirited flavor adds spark to salads. Harvest at 40 days for bartender, baby leaves.

Fordhook Giant Shard A staple for delicious fresh greens since the 1920's, this mammoth strain reaches a full 24" tall, easily one of the largest Swiss chard varieties. Heavily puckered, fleshy leaves emerge with mint green stalks and quickly mature to a pure ivory color. The stalks and leaves are loaded with nutrition and fiber. This selection is a dependable all-season producer. 60 days.

Amara Ethiopian Kale An unusual leafy green with hearty leaves and a very complex flavor with overtones of spice and garlic. Great for picking at the baby size in under 3 weeks, or waiting for fully grown leaves. Amara makes a delicious salad mix, standalone raw, or lightly cooked. An extra cold-tolerant crop. 30-40 days.

Gom Chwi Green, heart-shaped leaves with serrated edges. Leaf size can range from 12"-30" and can be harvested at any size. In mild climate, Gom Chwi can grow year round with multiple harvesting, up to 8 per year. Late summer vertical spikes of yellow aster-like flowers. Prefers loamy, moist soil, sun and partial shade conditions. 55 days.

BEANS

Orient Wonder “Yard Long Bean”, this variety produces rich green, long, slender, round, stringless pods. The beans are very crisp, tender, and delicious. Grows in a wide range of conditions. 70 days.

BROCCOLI

Purple Sprouting Maturing in March/ April, tall 24”-36” plants are covered with petite, very sweet tasting purple crowns that turn green when cooked. Hardy to below 10 degrees F, Purple Sprouting is a delicious mainstay of the family spring food supply. 220 days.

CABBAGE

Mansu, Hybrid This is a Korean loose-head type Chinese cabbage with bolting tolerance and has wide growing adaptability. Leaves are dark green with white petioles. Excellent for kimchee recipes, salads, and soups. It is suitable for spring and fall sowings, and in mild temperature regions summer sowing is possible. 65 days.

CORN

Early Pink Popcorn A great choice for short season, this early variety yields beautiful pink kernels on 5”-6” ears. When popped, the colorful kernels explode into a white, fluffy popcorn. Plants grow to 5’ tall. 85 days.

CUCUMBER

Housaku Japanese hybrid cucumber producing more than 90% female flower. Fruits are smooth, dark green color with good flavor making it ideal for both pickling and fresh use. Best when harvested 8”-9” long.

EGGPLANT

Millionaire Extra-early maturity and high productivity, upright plants produce extraordinary harvests of deep purple, slender fruit, 8” long. This Japanese variety is tender, delicious, with a minimal seed cavity. 54 days.

Petch Siam Matti gulla variety, easy to grow. 2” diameter, round, green eggplants with a dark stripe, popular in the cuisines of India, Thailand, and Vietnam. Small eggplants are pickled or cooked. 40-50 days.

PEPPERS

Italian Sweet Produces a heavy set of 8” long, conical, thick-walled, very sweet peppers that turn red very quickly. When fully ripe, the fruit is amazingly tasty, great for making pickles. 70 days.

La Bomba II F1 Jalapeno 2 1/2”-3 1/2” early peppers with extra thick walls, have a hint of sweet followed by a mild flavor with no bitterness, and finish with a burst of true jalapeño heat. Disease-resistant plants have strong, upright habit and good leaf coverage to protect the fruit from sunscald. 56 days.

Caballero F1 Poblano Reliably uniform, very high-yielding, these classic poblanos have a strong flavor topped with a mild spice. It is an ideal relleno pepper with thick walls and smooth, deeply pigmented skin. Allow the 6” fruit to ripen to a rich red with a complex flavor. 79 seeds.

Alma Paprika A sweet, prolific multi-use pepper that can be eaten fresh, pickled, or dried. Plants are loaded with thick-walled peppers that develop just a hint of warmth. The 1"-2" fruit start out creamy white, and then turn to orange before finally turning shiny red. 80 days.

PUMPKIN

Beppo This pumpkin has masses of hull-less seeds that are loaded with natural, nutty goodness. The seeds contain a wholesome oil. Grown primarily for its tasty seeds and striking ornamental quality (orange-colored skin heavily ridged with contrasting green stripes), its flesh is poorly-suited for cooking or baking, and will be best appreciated by your chickens or worm compost. Plants yield harvest of 2-3, medium-sized, 10-14 pound fruits each. 100 days.

SQUASH, SUMMER

Bush Baby F1 Striking fruit sport light and dark green stripes and have a wonderfully delicate, satisfying flavor. Bred to produce smaller fruit, their prime size for picking is 2 by 6 inches, but the non-stop plants deliver a higher than average overall harvest.

Mexicana F1 Zucchini A unique, slightly bulbed, gray-green zucchini with outstanding flavor and texture, heavy yields, and early maturity. It has open, bush-type habit and superior disease-resistance. 46 days.

Trombocino Italian summer squash with light green fruit which can grow to 3'0" long! The light green to tan fruit may be harvested any time, from just a few inches through its full size. Enjoy Trombocino's rich flavor steamed, grilled, or sliced raw in salad. A vining variety that is best trellised for straighter fruit. 70 days.

SQUASH, WINTER

Gold Nugget Mini Hubbard Bush squash developed as a substitute for the sweet potato in short-season areas. Compact 3'-4' bushes yield up to 10 golden orange fruit, 1-1 1/2 pounds, full of delicate golden flesh with melt-in-your-mouth flavor. 85 days.

Reno F1 Acorn Offers all the goodness of a traditional acorn squash on a single-stemmed, bushy plant that's respectful of your garden space, The dark green fruit reach 5" across and 1 1./2 pounds a piece with very refined, golden flesh that's flavorful and sweet. 75 days.

Spaghetti

TOMATO

Cuore di Bue Indeterminate, paste

Black Indeterminate, slicing

Tasti-Lee F1 Determinate, slicing

Emmylou Determinate, slicing

Glacier Determinate, slicing

Gold Nugget Determinate, cherry