



YILGARN SEEDS



Seed Catalogue

Heirloom Vegetables & Herbs



ORGANIC HEIRLOOM

Drylands Permaculture Farm Geraldton, Western Australia



ASIAN GREENS

Brassica juncea

Bok Choi

100 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring to Autumn.

Grown for the broad white leafstalks which are widely used in Chinese stir-fries. Leafstalks should be picked often, like silverbeet. Small compact plant, very easy and quick to grow. Matures after 60 days and has excellent resistance to bolting.

ASPARAGUS

Asparagus officinalis

Mary Washington

50 seeds/pkt

Sow anytime.

Grown from seed, it's best left to grow for a full two years to develop a crown before harvesting. Once harvesting begins plants shouldn't be visible except for shoot which is usually harvested when 150-200mm long. Check everyday during spring-summer harvest time as they can grow >100mm a day. This variety holds a tighter bud longer than other varieties with heavy uniform yields.

ASPARAGUS PEA

Tetragonolobus palestinensis

Palestinian

60 seeds/pkt



Sow Autumn.

Ground covering annual with delightful red flowers. Pods to 50mm wide are eaten fresh with a taste like asparagus and peas. Native to the mountains of Palestine where children take pride in finding large patches. Drop seeds into boiling water and soak for 24 hours before planting. Plant swollen seeds. Repeat for non swollen seeds.

BARLEY

Hordeum vulgare

Popping

400 seeds/pkt



Sow Autumn.

A two-row type barley often used as 'mash' for home brew beer. It can also be popped like popcorn and eaten. Grows up to 1m tall producing disease resistant 100mm heads.

BASIL

Ocimum gratissimum

East Indian Clove

60 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn to Spring).

Drought and wind tolerant, this 1.5m tall perennial plant's leaves are used as a clove substitute. It is particularly good in Indian curries. Extremely useful in gardens, its strong aroma confuses insects and they have trouble finding plants to eat.

Sweet Giant-leaved

120 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring.

Always sow after the shortest day to prolong flowering and encourage leafy growth. Never has picking basil leaves to make pesto been quicker. This hardy variety has slightly wavy green leaves several times larger than common sweet basil. Constant tipping of flowers from plants will promote more leaves. This annual is well-suited for growing in balcony pots.

BEAN

Phaseolus vulgaris

Franco's Green Bean

40 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, sow Autumn).
A white seeded variety of green bean whose pods are best eaten when young. A vigorous climber with yellow flowers and a good seed set. Pods to 200mm long.

Half White Runner

40 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn-Spring).
60 Days to maturity. Grows to 1.5m. Beans can be used when young and green as snap beans or shell beans when older. Vigorous productive variety with white seeds. Has potential to be a good market gardening variety.

Hawkesbury Wonder

40 seeds/pkt



Plant Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn).
This is a bush bean which produces screeds of green flat beans up to 18cm in length. Tremendously successful in Geraldton through the winter growing period as it is cold tolerant. This variety has lilac flowers and seeds are red. Known to be resistant to fusarium wilt and bacterial diseases.

Purple King

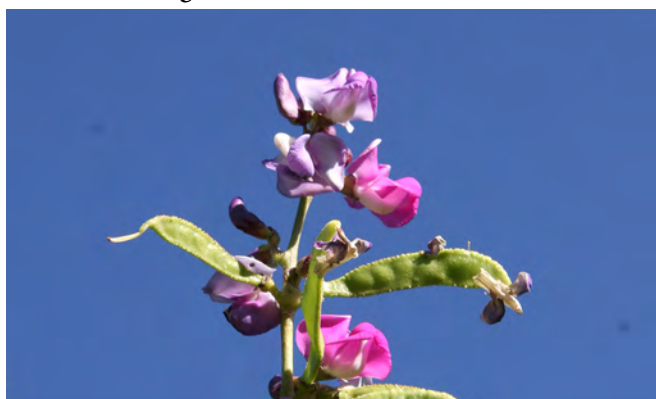
40 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring.
A strong handsome purple leaved and podded vine. These delicious snap beans have an excellent flavour and turn dark green when cooked. Stringless if picked before maturity.

Seven Year - Highworth

40 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring.
Strong summer grower and a wind tolerant climber (when tendrils are wound around a trellis). Tip vines to encourage outward growth. Young tender pods & immature seeds are eaten as a fresh bean. Leaves are eaten fresh or dried, as spinach. The delicious flowers are best eaten raw in salads. Do not eat mature seeds! Cyanide is present in the seed coat.

Staley's Surprise

40 seeds/pkt



Sow early Autumn or early Spring.
Sprawling dwarf variety capable of producing a second flush after picking 18cm long pods holding large narrow variegated purple-ivory coloured seeds. Eaten as a green bean. Suitable for growing in pots. Bred in 1880s East Gippsland, Victoria by Arthur Staley exhibits good tolerance of cooler temperatures.

Tropical Lima

35 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn to Spring).

This perennial bean vine lasts approx. 4 years. It is a strong climber & needs a strong large trellis. A prolific producer, it has burgundy & white mottled beans which can be used dried or sprouted (in stir-fries). Once established it is quite tolerant to heavy wind and heat under 42°C.

Winged Bean

seeds/pkt

A twisting climbing tropical bean, also known as the Goa Bean, but should be described as the 'Go-er Bean' because it is so incredibly useful in the garden and tasty in the kitchen. The pods immature can be eaten raw or cooked. The leaves used as leaf vegetables, dried beans roasted and eaten like peanuts, or used in soups, roots eaten raw or cooked, flowers in salads or steamed. As a nitrogen fixer, what you don't eat, return to soil or compost.

Zebra

40 seeds/pkt



Sow early Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn or Spring).

Also known as 'Scotia' bean, a stringless 'pencil-pod' climbing bean with thin speckled purple pods around 12cm long and 'zebra' stripe patterns on seeds. Pick once pod reaches full size and best eaten as a green bean lightly steamed.

BROAD BEAN

Vicia faba

Peruvian & Lens' Longpod

25 seeds/pkt

Sow mid Winter to Spring.

Mix of reliable larger Len's Longpod and prolific Peruvian Emerald varieties. Whole young beans and mature, shelled green beans can be steamed and eaten. Dry beans can be soaked and cooked, skinned and added to bean salads or used to make hummus. Pruning plants before they flower promotes a bushy habit reducing the need for staking.

BROCCOLI

Brassica oleracea

Verdante

120 seeds/pkt



Sow early Autumn.

The flowering buds and stems of this plant are harvested and eaten fresh or stemmed. In warmer climates this plant lasts for several years. This variety produces one large head then on-goingly produces multiple small flowering heads. Sowing early autumn in the midwest will allow the large heads to mature before the winter cycle of aphids.

CALENDULA

Calendula officinalis

Orange flowered

150 seeds/pkt



Sow end of Winter - Autumn.

Brilliant orange flowered medicinal plant. Petals harvested, dried can be made into an antiseptic salve. Petals can be eaten and look stunning when drizzled with olive oil in a salad.

CAPE GOOSEBERRY

Physalis peruviana

Peruvian Ground Cherry

100 seeds/pkt

Sow Spring (In Geraldton, sow anytime).

Hardy sprawling bush 1.5m wide & 1m tall. Sweet yellow berry fruit can be harvested when jacket wrapping is papery dry. Fruit can be eaten fresh or made into jam. If left to dry on the plant, fruit make delicious sultanas. Living for 3 years, plant can be trained as a vine and responds well to pruning.

We have been seed savers since 1992 and selecting the best plants for yield, disease resistance, flavour and climatic suitability.

They are grown in our seed gardens using organic and permaculture practices.

CAPSICUM

Capsicum annuum

Centinel

30 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (Geraldton, Autumn-Spring).

An excellent flavoured sweet capsicum with long tapered chilli shape fruit to 130mm, turning red when ripe. Prolific variety with records of up to 700 fruit per plant.

Japanese

30 seeds/pkt



Plant Spring.

Prolific variety with large sweet fruit. Sow in a rich soil and keep moist. Fruit will be smaller if nutrients are inadequate. Large leaves help protect fruit from sunburn. May benefit from filtered shade in summer. Pick fruit when full size, either green or later when red.

CARROT

Daucus carota

Western Red

900 seeds/pkt



Sow Summer-Autumn (after longest day).

Bred here in WA, was the mainstay of the carrot industry in Australia from the 1970s to the 1990s, until replaced with hybrid varieties. Wide shouldered with tapered root to 250mm, noted for it's disease resistance and high quality.

CATNIP

Nepeta cataria

White Flowering

45 seeds/pkt

Plant Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn).

Catnip is drought tolerant and often perennial. The mint-like scent of the bruised leaves of this herb is said to attract cats and deter rats. It stands 1/2 m high and its white flowers are a good bee attractant for pollination when grown around in orchards and vegetable gardens. Young shoots can be used in salads.

CELERY

Apium graveolens

Golden Self-Blanching

200 seeds/pkt



Sow Winter.

This variety has very pale golden-yellow leaves and stems. It is a compact variety with stringless stems and a delicate flavour. It is best eaten young and when grown in blocks rather than rows natural blanching will improve the flavour.

CELTUCE

Lactuca sativum

Narrow Leaf

200 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, sow Autumn).

Also called 'asparagus lettuce'. This chinese vegetable is left in the ground until it develops a stem length of 30cm. They are then peeled and thinly sliced before being stir fried. The hearts can also be eaten like small lettuces.

CHAMOMILE

Chamaemelum nobile

German

3000 seeds/pkt

Sow Autumn.

This annual Chamomile grows to 600mm and flowers prolifically. Dried flowers are used to make a calmativie herbal tea. Leaves if infused in water (1 cup of leaves to 1 litre of water) are a preventative for the 'damping off' fungus in young seedlings. Drench seedlings with this preventative when first planted.

CHARD

Beta vulgaris

Italian Bledon Spinach

100 seeds/pkt



Plant early Winter.

This wonderfully sweet lime green leaf vegetable will supersede all other silverbeets once you taste it. It is so sweet it makes a great lettuce substitute. A vigorous and fast growing variety, seeding in it's first summer in Geraldton.

CHICORY

Cichorium endiva

Green Curled Endive

450 seeds/pkt



Sow Autumn or Spring.

An annual plant grown like lettuce. Its Leaves are often tied or covered after 2 months with dark pots to blanch and make them less bitter. They are then picked as salad greens. If left to flower, the plants produce long spikes laced with delightful blue flowers. Will tolerate full sun or part shade.

CHILLI

Capsicum annuum

Banos Red

40 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring.

Extremely attractive colourful upright pointing fruit 30mm long and 15mm wide. Bush grows to 400mm with deep green foliage and purple flowers. The purple fruit turns orange then red when ripe.

Habanero

40 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring.

This brilliant orange, bonnet-shaped chilli brings a beautiful contrast to other garden colours. Nematode resistant and reportedly the hottest chilli in the world! (Will test the most adventurous chilli eaters) Even the smell of this deceiving chilli burns your nostrils.

Red Thai Long

40 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, sow Autumn).

Bush grows to 600-700mm with long thin green fruit 80mm long and 5mm wide with a tapering point, that turns red when ripe. Slight circular ridging around the fruit. Hot, pungent and flavourful fruit that dries well.

St Helena Orange

40 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton Autumn).

These strong plants produce a tapered 75mm long hot chilli colouring to a deep orange when ripe. Plants can also be grown from root suckers.

Yellow Peruvian

40 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Spring to Autumn).
This bush produces attractive, bright yellow, tapered chillies approx. 50mm long. A rare Peruvian cultivar for the gourmet palate. A prolific bearer over two years in frost free areas. A very hot, flavoursome chilli suited to many red bean dishes.

CORIANDER

Coriandrum sativum

Chinese

120 seeds/pkt



Sow Autumn.
This small seeded variety is preferred in Thai cooking. The ground roots are also used. Coriander powder is made from the dried seeds. Leaves are used extensively in Indian cooking.

CORIANDER.

Eryngium foetidum

Thai Serrated Leaf

50 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, anytime).
Once you have cooked with this herb, you will make the effort to grow it. A small perennial thistle-like plant whose leaves and root have a strong and agreeable coriander flavour. It is a main ingredient in 'sofrito', a West Indian seasoning made of Parsley, Chilli and Thai Coriander.

CORN

Zea mays

Chinese Mini

100 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (Geraldton produces a late crop if sown early-mid March). Plants reach 1.5m and tend to be multiple stemmed. Each plant produces approximately 15 cobs. These can be harvested when premature (silks are pink) and eaten as chinese mini corn. If let to mature, the small red kernels may be used as popcorn. If saving seed, cull any over sized plants.

Mexican Sweetcorn

140 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, late Winter or late Summer).
A delicious variety not exhibiting the insipid sweetness of many hybrids. 250mm long kernels with 2 to 3 cobs per plant. Seeds are a golden yellow colour. A characteristic of this variety is that the seeds dry flat, this is not an indication of viability. 4 months to maturity.

Multi-Coloured Aztec

140 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring - Summer.
This plant grows to 2.5m high and produces a beautiful cob speckled with white red, blue and yellow kernels. This corn can also be eaten if harvested in its immature stage. Cobs make excellent dried ornaments. Dried seeds are usually ground to make a cornmeal for breads and corn chips.

COWPEA

Vigna unguiculata

Black-Seeded Thai

30 seeds/pkt

Sow Spring (In Geraldton, early Spring).

This is a summer bush bean which needs light shade through the hotter months over 40°C. It has been highly productive with little soil improvement. Very good as a stringless green bean or a dries bean.

Burkino Faso

30 seeds/pkt

Sow Spring.

This extremely heat hardy cowpea from Africa has adapted well to the Geraldton climate with irrigation. Eat young beans as a steamed vegetable or dried seeds as a pulses.

Crowdu Butter Pea

30 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring.

This is a summer growing pea suited to the warm climates, in the United States they are called Southern Field Peas. This the most vigorous heat and drought tolerant american variety tested so far at our farm. The peas are commonly eaten as a dried bean and are excellent quality. The plant is also used as a cover crop.

Purple Hull Pea

60 seeds/pkt

Sow Spring (In Geraldton, early Spring).

This summer bush bean needs light shade through the hotter months over 40°C. It has been highly productive with little soil improvement. Very good as a stringless green bean when young purple pods are picked. Dried seeds can be soaked overnight, cooked and used in casseroles.

CRESS

Lepidium sativum

Garden

100 seeds/pkt

Sow Spring to Autumn (In Geraldton, Autumn).

Young leaves can be regularly picked to provide a tangy, peppery taste as a salad herb or garnish for omelettes, soups and sandwiches. Seeds suitable for sprouting. Prefers a shady spot if planted towards the hotter months., with maturity in less than four weeks.

CUCUMBER

Cucumis sativus

Dongara Long White Apple

12 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring.

Climbing plant, fruit 150 to 200mm long. White coloured flesh with white skin. This apple type of cucumber has textured surface. Heirloom variety from Dongara, Western Australia.

DILL

Anethum graveolens

Culinary

100 seeds/pkt



Sow Autumn.

Seed commonly used a flavouring for pickles and fish. A good orchard plant it grows to 1.5m, has huge parachute shaped flower which attract many garden pest predators. Delightful green soft fern-like foliage often picked, dried and sold as 'Dill Tips'.

EDIBLE CHRYSANTHEMUM

Chrysanthemum x morifolium

Serrated Leaf

80 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn).

Sometimes referred to as 'Chop Suey Greens'. Leaves are eaten in Stir fries in Chinese food. This annual plant grow to 1.5m and has masses of 30-40mm yellow chrysanthemum flowers.

EGGPLANT

Solanum melongena

Laos Tiger Green Stripe

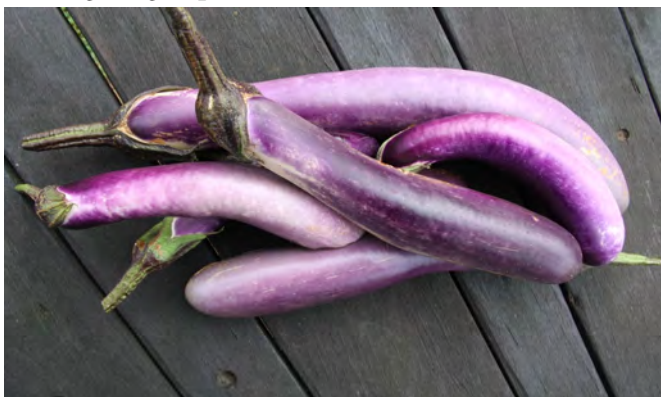
50 seeds/pkt

Sow Spring (In Geraldton, sow anytime).

A non-bitter eggplant with pleasant flavour. Small round attractive fruit 50mm in dia. Cream-coloured fruit with green "tiger stripes" on upper half. When fruit is picked at this stage no pre-processing is needed, cook entire fruit with skin. Bears prolifically over 3-4 yrs. Tolerates a light frost. Plant stands 1.5m high. Heirloom from Laos.

Pintong Long Improved

50 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring.

Improved strain of a Taiwanese cultivar. Light purple fruits 200-250mm long 25-50mm wide. Excellent for slicing and pickling. Very early productive upright plants, up to 20 fruits per plant. Resistant to extreme heat and humidity.

FENNEL

Foeniculum vulgare

Perennial

100 seeds/pkt

Sow Winter-Spring.

Perennial herb to 2m with soft foliage and sweet anise flavour. Young stems and leaves are used as a garnish and seasoning herb and traditionally for its many medicinal properties including aiding digestion and calming nerves. Plant in well drained soil.

FEVERFEW

Tanacetum parthenium

Bachelor's Buttons

75 seeds/pkt



Sow Autumn or Spring.

A stunning 500mm high daisy-like flowering plant with dainty fern-like leaves. An excellent general companion plant due to it's pest predator attracting flowers and strong smelling leaves. Three to five fresh leaves between slices of bread said to reduce migraines.

GARLIC CHIVES

Allium tuberosum

White Flowering

50 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, all year round).

Sow in trays. Cover with 5mm soil, keep moist and transplant at 4-6 weeks into garden or large pot. Attractive drought hardy white flowering variety. Excellent garlic flavoured leaves are used raw and in cooking. Can be harvested continuously by breaking off leaves as they are needed. Plants can be easy divided once established.

GOURD

Lagenaria siceraria

Perhentian Island

12 seeds/pkt



Plant Spring.

A vigorous running climbing vine similar to a pumpkin. Can be grown up a trellis or along the ground. Keep well aerated to avoid powdery mildew. This is one of our most mildew tolerant strains. White flowers produce young fruit which can be eaten curried, grated into fritters, even pickled.

HENNA

Lawsonia alba

Gaza

120 seeds/pkt

Sow Spring.

Wind and heat tolerant deciduous bush growing to 2m with a mass of white flower umbels similar to an elderberry. The leaves can be dried and ground to a powder which is mixed to a muddy paste to dye and condition hair. A highly prized plant in the middle east.

HYACINTH BEAN

Dolichos lablab

Rongai

50 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring-Summer.

Heat loving and drought tolerant summer growing legume it is used extensively as a green manure cover crop. The leaves make an excellent fodder. In heavier soils it can be grown without summer rainfall providing there is adequate dew.

INDIGO

Indigofera suffruticosa

Upright Indigo

50 seeds/pkt

Sow Spring.

Perennial semi-tropical plant which grows to one metre high and famed for its rich blue dye since ancient times. Indigo is a legume with small purplish flowers in summer. In cooler climates grow in a warm north facing position.

LEEK

Allium ampeloprasum

Perennial Bunching Leek

60 seeds/pkt



Sow Autumn.

Grow in full sun. Produces a large mother leek that can be harvested leaving the surrounding smaller leeks to mature and harvest as needed. Leeks may be divided and you'll have an on-going leek supply. This leek is often grown by bulblets, in Geraldton it seeds in March, at other latitudes in may not seed. Store seed in fridge to extend its viability time.

LEGUME SHRUB - DESMANTHUS

Desmanthus virgatus

30 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring Summer.

Bushy wind hardy heavy nitrogen fixer growing up to 2m. It has small soft leaflets with a 22% protein content. As a browse fodder shrub it is very palatable and recovers after heavy grazing. It self-seeds vigorously and could become troublesome if not managed by grazing. Poultry love eating young self sown seedlings.

LEGUME SHRUB - LEUCEANA

Leucaena leucocephala

20 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring/Summer.

A 2m tree legume usually grown in the tropics as cattle fodder. Doesn't like frosts and will survive in rainfall areas down to 450mm but prefers more. This low mimosine strain allows animals to access leaf protein with a similar % value to lucerne. Poultry love seeds. Good nurse trees in orchards. To germinate, pour boiling water over seed and leave to soak 24 hrs. Plant swollen seeds.

LEGUME SHRUB - SESBANIA

Sesbania cannabina

Yellow Pea Shrub

30 seeds/pkt

Sow Spring/Summer (In Geraldton, Anytime).

Growing up to 3m in one year., this short lived legume shrub provides an excellent short term windbreak/screen if planted as a hedge and is a renowned fodder plant. Seeds should be scarified or have boiling water poured over them and left to soak for 24 hours before planting. Chickens adore feasting on the abundant self sown seedlings beneath older trees.

Saving heirloom seed is one of the most important activities we do at the Drylands Permaculture Farm.

We sell heirloom seed to gardeners both locally and Australia-wide.

These sales support the continuing operation of our farm where we can offer students and community groups practical experience in Permaculture, seed saving and organic growing.

LEMON BALM

Sp.

Iranian

60 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn).

An attractive aromatic annual herb for your garden. Hosts beneficial insects and bees forage it's purple flowers. Leaves can be used beneficial insects. Use leaves either fresh or dried as a herbal tea.

LETTUCE

Lactuca sativa

Brown Romaine

200 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn to Winter).

A frilly open leaved lettuce with glossy brownish-red leaves. It has a crisp texture and a good flavour with a hint of sweetness. This is a cos lettuce, the leaves can be picked as needed.

Goldrush

200 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn to Winter).

A spectacular golden oak-leaved type lettuce. Often has a diameter of 500mm and dome shaped. The leaves can be picked as needed. In Geraldton is best grown in part shade for best flavour. Good companion with onions & beans.

Light Green Wavy Leaf

200 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn to Winter).

A sweet lettuce with lovely lime green leaves to 400mm in length. Leaves can be individually harvested from the base of the plant providing an on-going lettuce supply. Our fastest growing lettuce.

Purple Oak

200 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn).

A vigorous late seeding French Red Lettuce with an oak leaf shaped deep purple and green leaves. The outer leaves can be regularly picked and eaten after 6 weeks from sowing.

Rabbits Ear

200 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn to Winter).

Upright growing, ear-shaped, open-hearted leaved plant. This is a cos lettuce that can have it's leaves picked as needed. Delicious sweet variety that produces over the Winter and spring months. Good companion with onions and beans.

Red Batavian

200 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn to Winter).
Very distinctive French lettuce with red/brown ruffled leaves that are sweet and juicy without bitterness. Plants begin to open like loosehead lettuces becoming compact and heavy at full maturity.

LUFFA

Luffa acutangula

Angled Luffa

12 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring
Also known as Chinese Okra, a vine with prized and distinctive fluted fruit for asian cooking and when dried as a body scrub. Flowers, small immature fruit and young leaves can be steamed and stir fried. As fruit matures it becomes bitter. Vine needs well fertilised moist soils, suitable climbing structure and shade during hot summers.

Palestinian Smooth

12 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring.
A vigorous vine producing large oblong fruit. These can be eaten young when 100 mm in length or left to dry on the vine. The skeleton of the fruit looks like a sea sponge, is used as a body scrub.

MARIGOLD - AFRICAN

Tagetes erecta

Cracker Jack

100 seeds/pkt



Sow Autumn.
Brighten up your vegetable garden with these brilliant orange/yellow flowers to 100mm. Planted with tomatoes, eggplants and other root knot nematode susceptible vegetable crops in sandy soils, they will help reduce the nematode pests by fumigating the soil with their root exudations allowing your veges to grow healthier and produce for their full fruiting time.

MARIGOLD - MEXICAN

Tagetes minuta

200 seeds/pkt

Sow end of Winter - Autumn.
Tall growing marigold used to fumigate soil to reduce nematodes. If grown for a full season, it can be effective for up to 3 years. The mulched leaves are a useful pest deterrent. An essential companion to tomatoes and capsicums. The foliage can cause skin irritations.

MARULA

Sclerocarya birrea ssp. caffra

African Marula Tree

3 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring.
Drought-tolerant deciduous shade tree from South Africa can grow from 9 to 18m tall. It's edible yellow 30mm round fruit are commonly used to produce 'Amarula' liqueur. Fruit contains a large hard seed covered by a layer of jelly-like flesh. The seed contains 1-3 embryos which yield an edible high protein oil. To germinate, manually remove the 'corks' which cover the embryo cavities. Can be drilled out (8-10mm bit) in a vice taking care not to go too deep and damage the root tip. Should germinate within 2 wks.

MELON

Cucumis melo

Minnesota Midget Rockmelon

30 seeds/pkt



Plant Spring.

A vigorous bushy plant rather than a running vine. Fruit have a delicious balanced flavour. Fruit are 100-125mm round with deep orange flesh. They are suitable for one person, one meal.

MINT

Origanum sp.

Palestinian Zartmanii

30 seeds/pkt



Sow all year. A ground covering perennial herb it has a strong sweet pungent smell and self seeds readily. This extremely hardy plant is native to the limestone hills in the West Bank in the occupied Territories of Palestine but grows well in most soils. Sprigs are often put into black tea as a flavouring. It has a pretty pink mauve flower.

Ruffled

50 seeds/pkt



Sow Anytime. Low growing, pleasant tasting mint with purple flowers. Use fresh or dried for teas, finely chop for salads and as flavouring in cooking. In hotter regions plant in part shade.

MORINGA

Moringa oleifera

Drumstick Tree

7 seeds/pkt



Sow Summer or when soil temp. > 25°C to avoid rot take care not to over water young seedlings. A frost sensitive deciduous tree, also known as the Horseradish tree, produces long pods used in asian cooking. Roots are a horseradish substitute while leaves and flowers are consumed raw in salads. Immature pods can be fried or roasted. Young seedlings are eaten as a cooked green vegetable.

MOTHERWORT

Leonurus cardiaca

Common

120 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn).

Hardy perennial to 1.5m in cooler climates. Grows as an annual in Geraldton where it self-seeds with strong seedlings during winter. Green fingered leaves and whorls of pink flowers in early summer. Likes well-drained soil and limestone. Yields a dark green wool dye. A tea from the plant is a relaxing tonic for menopausal changes.

All photographs of varieties appearing in our catalogue were taken by us here in our Permaculture gardens, here at the Drylands Permaculture Farm.

Our catalogue and order forms are available from our web site - www.yilgarnseeds.com.au and are updated as seed becomes available seasonally from our gardens.

MUSTARD LETTUCE

Brassica juncea

Thai Oyster

70 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton - sow Autumn).

Grown for it's tender, crisp, oyster shaped heart and leaves which are best cooked in stir fries. Cool night temperatures are best for heading. Full sun during winter is best as the high light intensity encourages tight heading.

NASTURTIUM

Tropaeolum majus

Indian Cress

40 seeds/pkt



Sow Autumn or Spring.

These hardy colourful flowers are annual sprawling plants. The poorer the soils they grow in, the more prolific the flowers. The orange flowers have a peppery flavour and are often used in salads. The scent from the orange flowers repel aphids. The green seeds are often harvested and pickled then used as a caper substitute. These plants self sow every year.

OKRA

Abelmoschus esculentus

Lady's Finger

40 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring/Summer (In Geraldton, Spring).

A summer annual, keep well watered and fertilised. Harvest fruit when young before turning woody. Can be sliced and fried, good in tomato-based recipes.

ONION

Allium cepa

Hebrew Brown

200 seeds/pkt

Plant Autumn. Harvest Oct-Dec.

Large brown skinned onion with good keeping qualities. Best sown in a tray covered with ~5mm soil. Transplant seedlings when stems are 3 to 6mm thick. Avoid planting seedlings too deep, only cover the small white part of the stem with soil. If seed saving, you need several plants to get good seed. Onion seed varieties grown at the same time will cross. They will not cross with Leeks, chives or garlic chives.

PARSLEY

Petroselinum crispum

Egyptian

200 seeds/pkt



Plant anytime (Geraldton - early Winter to Spring).

One of the sweetest large leaved varieties of parsley. Used extensively in the mediterranean salad tabouleh. It is extremely heat and quite drought tolerant.

Italian

200 seeds/pkt

Plant early Winter. 78 days to maturity.

Flat, glossy deeply cut leaves. Excellent strong aromatic flavour. A vigorous erect plant, many people prefer this variety's flavour over the triple-curved. It tends to be a more heat tolerant than triple-curved. This variety grows for two years and is drought tolerant.

PASSIONFRUIT

Passiflora edulis

Hawaiian Yellow

15 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring or Autumn.

Seeds germinates quickly within 2 weeks when soil is warm. Fast growing climber nematode tolerant with bright yellow oval fruits that drop off the plant when ripe. The fruits ~ 60mm in diameter are sweet with a nice acid balance. Keep soil moist and fertilised. Makes a great fruit leather or a superb passionfruit-pumpkin chutney.

Pawpawadilla

20 seeds/pkt



Plant Spring.

A perennial climbing variety of green passionfruit from Zimbabwe. It has a delicate three fingered leaf, hardy to wind and extreme heat. The fruit are sweet and non-acidic with a soft skin that peels off the fruit easily. Fruit ~50mm in diameter. A good nematode rootstock for *Passiflora edulis*.

Medusa

60 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn).

Medusa is an excellent shelled pea growing to one meter high. This pea is a stable cross developed for its mildew resistance. It has few leaves and many tendrils hence it resembles Medusa. This white flowering variety typically contains six green seeds per pod. Seeds are wrinkled when dried. Mature in 80 days.

Tennis ball Pink

15 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring/Summer.

Seed will take 2-4 weeks to germinate @ 25 degrees. Large round pink/purple skinned fruit on a vigorous productive vine producing through winter in Geraldton. Excellent flavoured pulp. Allow skin to wrinkle slightly to attain full sweetness. Will grow better if protected from strong winds.

POPPY

Papaver rhoeas

Flanders

700 seeds/pkt



Sow Autumn.

A brilliant red flowering poppy. The centre of each petal has an exquisite black pattern reminiscent of a Japanese painting. These beautiful winter/spring flowers self-seed every year, they glorify everywhere they grow.

PEA

Pisum sativum

Japanese and Medusa

50 seeds/pkt

Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn).

A mix of two varieties to reduce powdery mildew spread. Japanese peas are short and grow to one metre. Best to stake or grow on trellis. Produces masses of green peas. Tender juicy variety perform well in Geraldton. Medusa is a stable cross which is mildew tolerant. It is a leafless garden pea with lots of tendrils. Grows to the same height as the Japanese pea.

PUMPKIN

Cucurbita moschata

Pawpaw

15 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Winter)

90 days to maturity. Orange skin with orange flesh. Fruit shaped like a pawpaw. Nutty sweet flavour. Medium sized climber. Exhibits good disease and mildew resistance. Can be grown through the winter in warmer climates. Does not like hot weather.

Our varieties are all open-pollinated heirlooms. To learn how to save your own seed we recommend Jude and Michel Fanton's the Seed Savers' Handbook for Australia and New Zealand.

Published by the Seed Savers Network and available from www.seedsavers.net or by phone on (066) 85 6624.

Sweet Gramma

15 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, sow late Winter). Remember that delicious sweet pumpkin pie Grandma used to make? Well, this is one of the gramma (butternut) varieties used. It has an extremely sweet yellow flesh and also makes a nice sweet curry. The plant is a large vigorous climber which needs lots of fertilizer and moisture during its growing season. Pick when stalk dries. Good keeper.

ROCKET

Eruca sativa

Aragula

100 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn to Winter). Young leaves have a distinct, spicy-oak flavour and are eaten raw in salads or sautéed in garlic and olive oil. Popular ingredient of mescalini. Flowers make a good garnish & the seeds contain a mustard oil substitute.

ROSELLA

Hibiscus sabdariffa

Hibiscus Flower

35 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring/Summer (In Geraldton, Spring). A summer annual with leaves that can be harvested and cooked as a spinach substitute. The bright red flower sepals can be harvested and dried, and used as a delicious tea with high Vitamin C content when infused in boiling water.

RUE

Ruta graveolens

Jackman's Blue

50 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring. Strong smelling perennial plant used to ward off negative energies. A beautiful blue foliage contrast plant. Grow in vegetable gardens to confuse insects. Small amounts are crushed and used in vinegars, pickles etc.

SNAKE BEAN

Vigna unguiculata ssp. sesquipedalis

Black Seeded

25 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring - Summer. Sometimes called Asparagus Pea or Yard Long Bean. This variety is shade and heat tolerant, but not cold tolerant. Bean pods up to 500mm should be regularly harvested when young and tender. It can be eaten as a fresh or dried bean.

Brown seeded

25 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring - Summer. Sometimes known as the Yard Long Bean, this climbing variety is heat tolerant but best grow in part shade in hot dry regions. It is not cold tolerant. Mature bean pods can grow over 700mm long, but should be regularly harvested when young and tender. Beans can be eaten steamed or stir fried.

Red- Seeded

25 seeds/pkt

Sow Spring - Summer.

Also known as the Yard Long Bean. This vigorous red seeded variety is shade and heat tolerant providing it is kept moist. Bean pods up to 400mm should be regularly harvested when young and tender. It can be eaten fresh in its pod or harvested after drying on the vine as a dried bean.

Two-tone

25 seeds/pkt

Sow Spring - Summer.

Red and white seeded climbing variety is heat and shade tolerant. It needs hot weather to produce and likes some shade on extra hot days. Bean pods up to 600mm should be regularly harvested when young and tender. They can be eaten fresh in salads or steamed. Snake bean have a delicious sweet asparagus like flavour.

Sugar Snap and Super Nova

60 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (Geraldton, Autumn).

Mix of two varieties to reduce powdery mildew spread. Sugar snap pods remain sweet, crisp and tender until quite large. This vigorous NZ variety with 2m vine needs a good support, matures in 70 days and freezes well. Super Novas are a stable cross and are a vigorous mildew resistant variety.

SNOWPEA

Pisum sativum

Chinese Pink & Super Nova

60 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, early Winter).

Two great climbing varieties in one packet. Super Nova has white flowers and larger edible pods with a vigorous character and mildew resistance. Chinese Pink is a heavy bearing variety with delicate pink flowers producing sweet pods when young, or shelled peas later in the season. Sprouted dried peas make excellent salad sprouts.

Giant and Delta Matilda

70 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring - Summer (In Geraldton, Autumn).

Mix of two varieties to reduce powdery mildew spread and promote better crops of the traditional Giant variety, which is a tall climbing snowpea with masses of sweet pods that can be eaten whole or shelled and enjoyed raw. Plant mildew resistant Delta Matilda a vigorous stable cross with red/pink flower, green-brown seeds either side of Giant variety.

SPINACH

Spinacia oleracea

Japanese

70 seeds/pkt



Sow Autumn).

This is a sweet variety of English spinach. It is an annual prickly seeded variety with lobed leaves and more cold and heat tolerant than traditional smooth seeded varieties. This delicious fast growing spinach doesn't leave the unpleasant after effects on teeth like Silverbeet and is hard to walk past in our garden without nibbling!

SPINACH CEYLON RUNNING

Basella alba

40 seeds/pkt



Plant Spring,

A fast growing twiner with its leaves and young stems used as spinach or silverbeet. Like lots of moisture, heat and enriched soil. Perennial in tropical climates. An insect free, wind tolerant reliable summer green.

SUNFLOWER

Helianthus annuus

Geraldton Giant

35 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, anytime).

Drought tolerant oil variety, best on poor soils, they can grow to 2.5m tall with masses of small headed flowers. During hot summers they cast a wonderful shade in vegetable gardens and serve as good decoys for pink and grey galahs. Chickens love eating the oily seeds. Sunflowers cross between varieties.

TOMATILLO

Physalis ixocarpa

Mexican

30 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring.

An annual plant growing to 0.5m with lobed fruit encased in jackets similar to Cape Gooseberries. The 30mm fruit berry is harvested when soft. Cooked unripe with tomatoes and chillis, it is the original salsa sauce flavour for Mexican dishes.

TOMATO

Lycopersicon lycopersicon

Black Krim

60 seeds/pkt



Sow Autumn-Spring.

This large tomato is one of the beefhearts. These unusual shaped tomatoes are called the 'crinklelies'. Their flesh is a maroon-purple colour and meaty texture with a tasty flavour. The vine is vigorous and needs staking.

Black Russian

50 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, early Autumn to Spring).

A staking vine bearing round 60mm chocolate-brown fruit when ripe. This variety was revived from some old seed found in the East Gippsland Organic Association Seedbank. This is a rare heirloom variety of salad tomato.

Broad Ripple Yellow Currant

60 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn).

A vigorous 3m tall vine that requires staking and produces a mass of 10mm round sweet yellow fruit in grape like bunches. Unlike other tomatoes they won't split if left to dry on the vines and hence do not attract fruit fly. Prolific self-seeder.

Budiah

50 seeds/pkt

Sow Spring (In Geraldton, early Autumn to Spring).

This is a strong bush tomato which is great for small spaces. It is a determinate variety bearing a heavy crop of sweet deep-red rounded fruit. Exhibits some nematode tolerance.

Golden Sunrise

60 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, early Autumn to Spring).

Prolific indeterminate staking variety with excellent low-acid sweet flavour. Gold yellow round fruit, 50mm diameter. 80 days to maturity.

Green Zebra

60 seeds/pkt

Sow Spring (In Geraldton, early Autumn to Spring). Bears after 80 days from transplanting. Apricot-sized fruit with a greenish lime colour and deep green stripes. The green flesh has a mild pleasing flavour. Indeterminate vine. Good for processing, as well as eating out of hand or in salads.

Indian Mayan

60 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, early Autumn to Spring). A short staking variety that bears strongly. Meaty bright red pear shaped fruit, 75mm long that dry and process well. Compact determinate vine.

Lemon Boy

55 seeds/pkt

Sow Spring (In Geraldton, early Autumn to Spring). Well flavoured medium-sized, deep globe shaped, lemon-yellow fruit. Vigorous indeterminate vine that needs staking. Resistant to fusarium and verticillium wilts, and nematodes. Originally a hybrid now is a stabilised open-pollinated variety. Maturity from 75 days.

Mama Lucie

60 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, early Autumn to Spring). Prolific indeterminate vine with good quality yellow fruit to 40mm size. Good foliage cover and multiple disease resistance. This a good salad tomato. Maturity from 85 days.

Persimmon

50 seeds/pkt

Sow Spring (In Geraldton, early Autumn to Spring). Large, deep, globe-shaped fruit 100mm diameter. Bright orange skin and flesh with solid, meaty flesh and a few seeds. Strong distinctive flavour. Keeping calcium levels up to this variety will reduce blossom end rot. Large indeterminate vine that matures from 80 days. Excellent for slicing.

Peruvian Red Cherry

60 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, early Autumn to Spring). Heavy bearing variety with delicious small round cherry red fruits. Excellent for eating out of hand. Needs staking.

Pink Ponderosa

65 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, early Autumn to Spring). A large, flattened globe-shaped tomato. The deep pink fruit of excellent flavour is fleshy with few seeds. Very good for drying, slicing, canning or stewing. Needs staking. Bears continuously over a long period.

Purple Calabash

65 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, early Autumn to Spring). Said to be 'the ugliest but most delicious tomato in the world' has 'flat pumpkin' shaped ruffled brownish-purple fruit, 100mm across. Firm and meaty with an intense flavour 90 days to maturity. Tolerates hot, dry summers. Short-term storage tomato. Can be used to make a fine quality vinegar.

Red Chick

60 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, early Autumn to Spring).
Medium-sized, red slicing tomato that bears heavily over 18 months in frost-free areas. Drought tolerant it produces flavour filled tomato even under water stress. Indeterminate vines show multiple disease resistance.

Rio Colorado

60 seeds/pkt

Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn).
Medium to early in maturity, it produces an intense red plum shaped fruit which makes an excellent sauce or drink. Highly productive, disease resistant variety with firm pulp and few seeds. Better for processing than the fresh vegetable market.

Saint Pierre

50 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn).
A tasty, medium sized slicing tomato for your plate or sandwich. Cold hardy, indeterminate heirloom variety having origins from St Pierre Island, Newfoundland. Requires staking or a fence line to support it's productive vigour.

San Marzano

50 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Spring).
80 days to maturity with elongated flat sided blunt-ended fruit 75mm in diameter. The meaty fruit stores well, doesn't crack, dries well and processes to a deep red paste. Fruit produced in clusters.

Stupice

60 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn)
A Czechoslovakian variety. Early maturing in 50 days with small/medium 50mm flattened fruit with a glossy red colour, juicy and tasty. Compact, productive vine with potato like foliage.

Sweetie

60 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, Autumn).
Vigorous staking vine producing large long bunches of grape like bright red cherry fruit, 12 to 20 fruit per cluster. Matures in 63 days. Fruit is unusually sweet and flavourful, to 30mm in diameter.

Become a Seed Saver! Help conserve our wonderful diversity of heirloom plants as many other generations of gardeners and growers have done before us. To find out how, please visit www.seedsavers.net or contact our own group Drylands Seed Savers, through seeds@drylands.org.au

Thompson Green Grape

60 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, early Autumn to Spring).
80 days to maturity. Distinctive yellow-green round fruit similar to a large green grape, 25mm in diameter. Sweet and juicy. Strong compact staking vine. Fruit borne in clusters like grapes.

Tigerella

50 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, early Autumn to Spring).
A striking orange-striped staking highly productive tomato. This indeterminate tomato is fleshy with a lovely taste, and is suitable for drying or eaten fresh.

Yellow Plum

50 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, early Autumn to Spring).
Small 30mm long 'sunflower yellow' teardrop-shaped fruit borne in clusters. Pleasant mild sweet flavour. Prolific vine. 78 days to maturity.

All our varieties of heirloom vegetable and herbs are grown in our Seed and Food Gardens here at The Drylands Permaculture Farm in Geraldton, Waggrakine, Western Australia.

WATERMELON

Citrullus lanatus

Palestinian Pride

12 seeds/pkt



Plant early Spring.
A round soccer ball sized melon. Dark green skin with dense crisp pink flesh. Wonderful flavour, highly prized variety from a small village close to Nazareth called Jenin. Local Palestinian people know this as the most famous tastiest heirloom melon in the West bank.

WORMWOOD

Artemisia absinthium

Silver Leaved

1000 seeds/pkt



Sow Summer (In Geraldton, Autumn or early Spring).
Valuable plant to rid internal parasites by planting in poultry runs. Stunning silver leaves are great to reflect heat when grown against a hot area. A fast growing perennial that tends only to like company of the blue/green cabbages.

ZUCCHINI

Cucurbita pepo

Cocozele

15 seeds/pkt



Sow Spring (In Geraldton, early Autumn or early Spring)
Prolific heirloom maturing in 53 to 63 days, brought into Australia in the 1920's produces stripe green fruit to 20cm in length. Susceptible to powdery mildew that can be controlled using foliar spray solution of half milk and half water.



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