

PLANT CATALOG 2009

CUCUMBERS

Crystal Apple

Small 3" oval fruit are a bright, creamy white, about the size of a small apple, and sweet, mild and very tender. This variety has become almost extinct in America after being introduced here from Australia around the year 1930 from Arthur Yates and Co. But this type of cucumber is likely to have originated in China. The small fruit are so tender you can eat them skin and all.

Lemon Cuke

60 days. The shape, size and color of a lemon but the flavor is sweet and mild! This heirloom was introduced in 1894, and is still a favorite today.

EGGPLANTS

Diamond

70 days. Mild, dark purple 6"-9" x 2"-3" slender fruit, superb flavor and firm flesh. Becoming popular with market growers and home gardeners. This variety from the Ukraine was collected by Seed Savers Exchange in 1993.

Rosa Bianca

80 days. Colorful, light pink-lavender fruit with white shading. Rich, mild flesh is very popular with chefs and gardeners alike! No bitterness.

KALE

Blue Curled Scotch

Compact plants yield tender, blue-green, crinkled leaves that are quite delicious, very cold hardy, and rich in vitamin A.

MUSKMELON

Minnesota Midget

This very small, very early heirloom was introduced in Minnesota in 1948. Measuring just 4" across, they have sweet, orange flesh and are perfect miniature versions of

the "Classic Muskmelon". Compact, 3'-4' vines, produce good yields.

d'Alger

Another colorful ancient French Cantaloupe (possibly from Africa) it is definitely one of the oldest. Ribbed fruit are dark green (almost black) with silver splashes. As they get ripe they turn yellow with near red splashes. The flesh is highly perfumed and very smooth and creamy. Compact vines, quality French seed, from Bruno Defay. Pre-1800 Heirloom.

PEPPERS

Golden Cal Wonder

78 days. Colorful golden bells that are very sweet and tasty. Gold peppers are superb for fresh eating, great for kitchen or market gardens.

SUMMER SQUASH

Zucchini Rampicante (Zucca d'Albenga)

(C. moschata) The famous Italian heirloom vining zucchini and pumpkin, long, slender 15" fruit have a flat bulb at the bottom, Very tender, mild and sweet tasting. The flesh is rich and flavorful, great for baking and pies! The mature fruit grow very long.

Zucchini - Lungo Bianco

A popular variety from Italy, the light-green-cream fruit are mild and sweet, Beautiful in a zucchini mix. Productive bush plants. Pure imported Italian seed.

TOMATOES

Black Cherry Tomatoes: 75 days

A great find, this glistening, ebony-purple gem is a 1", perfectly round variety with an incomparably sweet and complex flavor. Its indeterminate vines yield prolific quantities of ripe Black Cherries that are easy to spot and pick.

Red Jelly Bean Grape Tomatoes: 60-70 days

These sweet, little gems are really like garden candy. Clusters of 15 to 30 crack-resistant Jelly Beans are borne on vigorous, disease-resistant, indeterminate vines. Easy

to grow, incredibly sweet with a firm texture. Children of all ages love them.

Dr. Wyche's Yellow

80 days. This heirloom was introduced to Seed Saver's Exchange by the late Dr. John Wyche. At one time, he owned the Cole Brother Circus and used the elephant manure to fertilize his heritage gardens. The 1 lb fruit is solid and smooth. In color, they are a glowing, tangerine-orange that always stands out in the kitchen or off the vine. Heirloom orange type Smooth texture & tropical, sweet taste.

Black Krim

80 days. Dark red-purple fruit, rich sweet flavor. One of the best. It always places high in tomato taste trials. It's very juicy. An heirloom from Russia with very unique looking, large fruit. A favorite of many fine chefs.

Aunt Anna

An heirloom collected from an elderly Amish gardener from Holmes County, Ohio. It is known to produce huge red fruit that can attain a massive size! Fair-yielding vines produce these very flavorful beauties that are perfect slicers.

Great White

80-85 days. Large 1 lb. giant creamy white fruit, this tomato is superbly wonderful. The flesh is so good and deliciously fruity, it reminds one of a mixture of fresh cut pineapple, melon and guava. Fruit are smoother than most large beefsteak types, and yields can be very high.

Morning Sun

60 days Fairly compact regular-leafed plants yield impressive amounts of 1 1/2-2 inch perfect little grape-type fruits in clusters of up to eight fruits per bunch! Wonderful sweet flavor.

WATERMELON

Sugar Baby

79 days The #1 icebox-sized melon! Early! 6 to 10-lb melons are great for the North and have sweet, deep red flesh.

HERBS

Genovese Basil

The famous Italian heirloom is very popular with many cooks.

Slo-Bolt Cilantro

(*Coriandrum sativum*) This is a slow-bolting version of Cilantro/Coriander that produces flavorful leaves over a longer period.

FLOWERS

Cosmos - Early Sensation Mixed

Cosmos bipinnatus. This heirloom mix boasts bright white, pink and rose-magenta, 4" to 6" flowers with yellow centers and thread-like foliage. Annual. Summer flowering. Height: 3' to 5'.

Victoria Salvia

Has silvery stems with graceful spires of deep blue, tubular flowers. Prized for garden display as well as lush, long-lasting cut and dried flowers, Victoria forms a bushy, 18" mound for garden display or terrace containers. Annual. Height: 12" to 18".

FOUR O'CLOCKS

Mirabilis Mixture

This old-fashioned annual is so named because its flowers don't open until about 4:00 PM unless it is cloudy in which case they could bloom earlier. Their trumpet-shaped flowers will grace your garden with a delicious fragrance in an assortment of white, pink, red and yellow. Annual. Height: 24" to 30".

SNAPDRAGONS

Puff's Magic Pastel Mixture

Our own hand-mixed Puff's Magic Pastel Snapdragon Mixture yields sturdy plants with densely packed spikes of white, lemon, orchid, pink and rose snaps. They give good height to container plantings, a romantic pastel rainbow to summer gardens and lushness to summer bouquets.

ZINNIAS

Oklahoma Zinnia Mixture

A lovely uniform mixture imported from Germany, this disease-resistant mixture includes highly double, 2" blooms

on long, strong stems in a lovely range of colors: carmine, golden-yellow, ivory, pink, yellow, salmon, scarlet and white. They are high-yielding cut flowers with a long vase life. Height: 3'.

Giant-Almost-Dahlia Zinnia Mixture

This improved, large flowering strain yields large, fully double dahlia-type flowers with a 4" to 5" flowers atop thick sturdy stems. Our Giant-Almost-Dahlia Mixture is a disease-resistant formula mix in a rainbow of pink, crimson, carmine-rose, coral, deep red, golden-yellow, lilac, orange, purple, salmon-rose, scarlet and white. Absolutely terrific cut flowers. Height: 3 1/2' to 4'.