

LAUGHING SWAN SEEDS

on the sunny South Thompson River

Our seed business is remarkably different from any other seed company.

We advocate for people to stop wasting seeds! A family of 4 with a moderate size garden doesn't need 500 lettuce seeds, or 200 basil seeds, or 100 tomato seeds. Generally, you will plant some seeds from the packet, and the rest are put away, either in a place not suitable for keeping them fresh, or forgotten about the next year. Even though many seeds are viable for more than 1 year, fresher is better.

We believe it is better to offer seeds in smaller amounts, that you will use in a year. You are better off to buy fresh seed next year. Also, then you are not stuck with hundreds of seeds of a particular variety. Experiment - try different varieties!

Many people over-sow their seeds. Carrots are a good example: people will fill the seed furrow with seeds (partly to use up what they bought), only to have to spend hours thinning out the shoots so the few plants they actually want can grow! Overcrowding is not good for any plants. Yes, we know this flies in the face of what 'everyone' has 'always done'. Sometimes change is for the better.

We promote sowing fewer seeds, reducing the need to pull them out to thin, thereby not wasting seeds. The shoots that do germinate and sprout will be healthier without all that competition. And, you will have more time to enjoy your garden!

"Old gardeners never die, they just go to seed"

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We DO NOT have GMO seeds!

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2018 SEED CATALOG

NAME	NEW		DETAILS	HT.	FLOWER COLOUR	#	PRICE
ANNUALS							
Borage			large fuzzy leaves (edible), attracts pollinators, pretty	2-3'	sky blue, 5 petals	10	\$ 2.25
Lion's tail	NEW		hummingbirds love it, needs room! WOW!	6-10'	orange tubular	15	\$ 2.25
Marigold 'Burning embers'	NEW		velvet red, great cut flower, scented, drought tolerant	2'	red	20	\$ 2.25
Marigold 'Moonbeam'	NEW		large single wavy petals, glows in low light!	2-3'	ivory	20	\$ 2.25
Marigold lemon gem (signet)			1/2" flowers, lacy foliage, scented leaves & flowers	10"	lemon yellow	25	\$ 2.25
Marigold tangerine gem (signet)			1/2" flowers, lacy foliage, scented leaves & flowers	10"	tangerine orange	25	\$ 2.25
Salvia 'Lady in red'			1" trumpets, hummingbirds love it!!	12-18"	scarlet red	25	\$ 2.25
Sunflower 'Mammoth Russian'			large 10-12" heads full of edible seeds	10'	yellow, black seeds	15	\$ 2.25
Sunflower 'Teddy bear'			full double flower, frilly petals, good cut flower	16"	golden yellow	10	\$ 2.25
PERENNIALS							
Echinacea purpurea			large flowers, sturdy stems, used for medicinal use	2-3'	purple/pink	12	\$ 2.50
Lavender 'Hidcote superior'			primed seed for better germination, hardy zone 5	12"	deep violet, scented	16	\$ 2.50
Lavender 'Vicenza blue'	NEW		FYF. dark blue florets. Very scented! Compact	10-12"	deep blue	15	\$ 2.50
VEGETABLES							
			DETAILS	DAYS	COLOUR	#	PRICE
Arugula (rocket)			adds a tangy flavour to salads, 16"	30	green	25	\$ 2.50
Bean Blue Lake Bush			flavourful pods, tender & crisp. Heirloom	60	dark green	15	\$ 2.50
Isabel (pole)			excellent taste, slender French fancy 6". Vines 6-7'	55	green	15	\$ 2.50
Kahnawake Mohawk (pole)	NEW		heavy producer, eat as snap bean or dry. Heirloom	65	tan & brown	15	\$ 2.50
Scarlet runner (pole)			8-10" long, great flavour; climbing vine! Prolific	54	med. dark green	10	\$ 2.50
Beet Cylindrica			yummy 5" long x 2" for uniform slicing, good tops too	54	dark red	50	\$ 2.50
Early wonder			tall tasty greens with good tasting round roots	45-55	dark red	50	\$ 2.50
Touchstone gold			excellent sweet taste, smooth golden roots, green to	55	gold, bright yellow flesh	40	\$ 2.50
Broccoli deCicco sprouting			small multiple heads grow all summer, keep cutting!	48	dark green	20	\$ 2.50
Carrot Amsterdam			great flavour, 6-8" long, sweet, stores well	45-55	orange	100	\$ 2.50
Cosmic purple			7" tapered, very sweet, high in anti-oxidants	60	purple outer, orange in	80	\$ 2.50
Danvers half long			great flavour, dependable, 7" long, thick root	70	orange	80	\$ 2.50
Yellowstone gold			9" golden roots, excellent sweet flavour, retains color	75	gold, bright yellow flesh	50	\$ 2.50
Cauliflower 'Early snowball'			7", 1 lb pure white heads. Crisp, tender	52	green & cream	40	\$ 2.50
Cucamelon			1", crisp white flesh, cucumber-like taste with lemony tartness	80	light green, dark stripe	8	\$ 2.50
Cucumber Diva			F1 tender, crisp, sweet, productive. 4-6" mini	58	green	12	\$ 2.50
Homemade pickles			crisp flesh, perfect for pickles, heavy producer	55	green	15	\$ 2.50
Lemon			round, yellow, sweet, 'burpless', high yields	65	yellow	12	\$ 2.50
Marketmore 76 slicer			slicer. 9", sweet mild flavour, resists mildew	66	dark green	12	\$ 2.50
Mini cucumber			4-6" tender, tasty, spineless. Great for snacks	65	dark green	10	\$ 2.50
Telegraph improved			Heirloom. Long English type, few seeds, tasty!	60	green	12	\$ 2.50
Kale Dwarf Blue Scotch curled			20" dwarf, finely curled, hardy, fresh/cooked	56-80	bright blue-green, curled	15	\$ 2.50
Dwarf Siberian			24", cold tolerant, frilled edges. Cooked/stirfry	50-65	thick blue/grey/green	15	\$ 2.50
Lacinato			36" dinosaur type, long curly leaves, great taste.	65	green	15	\$ 2.50
mixed blend			mix of 4 varieties so you can try different ones	55-75	green, red, blue	15	\$ 2.50
Red Russian			20", mild flavour, frilled edges, hardy	65	grey/green, purple stems	15	\$ 2.50

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Kale White Russian			terrific taste! Dissected leaf, most cold hardy, 24-28"	55	pale green, white stem	15	\$ 2.50
Leek Tadorna			reliable, vigorous, mid-length, white shaft	100	green leaf, white inside	20	\$ 2.50
Lettuce blend of our favourites			blend of 4-5 varieties	25-50	green & red	50	\$ 2.50
Buttercrunch			tender, delicious, compact heads, very tasty. Easy.	65	green	100	\$ 2.50
Romaine			Vivian (25 days-baby, 50 days-full) bolt resist.	25-50	dark green	50	\$ 2.50
Salad bowl green			baby leaf or full leaf, sweet & tender	45	brilliant green	100	\$ 2.50
Salad bowl red			sweet & tender, stays crisp, deep-lobed, slow bolting	50	burgundy	100	\$ 2.50
Simpson elite			crisp, loose leaf, fine taste, not bitter, slightly ruffled	50-60	green	100	\$ 2.50
Sweet & curly green	NEW		baby leaf or full leaf, ruffled, sweet, heat tolerant	45	green	50	\$ 2.50
Tom thumb			delicate, sweet, crisp. Miniature heads	65	green	100	\$ 2.50
Mache (corn salad)			mild, nice in salads, round leaf	60	green	25	\$ 2.50
Onion Early yellow globe			cooking type, excellent quality, early, short storage	98	gold skin, yellow flesh	50	\$ 2.50
green bunching onion			bunching green onion, doesn't bulb in summer	65	white, green	80	\$ 2.50
red globe			good taste, deep red, globe shape, stores well	110	deep red	30	\$ 2.50
sweet Spanish onion			giant Kelsae type, sweet, firm flesh, better than Wall	110	gold skin, white flesh	30	\$ 2.50
yellow onion			Italian variety, great taste, long day, great storage	110	gold skin, yellow flesh	30	\$ 2.50
Peas Oregon giant			snow peas, edible pod, 5" long x 1" wide, sweet	60	medium green	40	\$ 2.50
Premium			very sweet, most tasty early pea. Doesn't need netting	51	green	50	\$ 2.50
Pepper Anaheim			6" long tapered green peppers. Pungent	70-90	green	10	\$ 2.50
Big red			sweet, thick wall, 4"x6", mild bell type	75	red	10	\$ 2.50
Cece	NEW		Hungarian, super sweet, crisp & juicy, 4", productive	60-70	creamy white	10	\$ 2.50
Cubanelle			mild, non-pungent ram's horn type, fresh/fry	68	green to red	12	\$ 2.50
Elephant ear	NEW		big 6"x4", sweet paprika type for roasting, stuffing	75	red	8	\$ 2.50
Ghost			1 of HOTTEST!! Use with caution! Wrinkled, to 3" long	95	orange to scarlet red	5	\$ 3.00
Giant bell			large 4"x6", sweet, thick wall, huge yield.	75	green to red	8	\$ 2.50
Hungarian hot wax			waxy hot pepper for frying, roasting, pickling. 5.5"x1.	58	yellow turning red	12	\$ 2.50
Jalapeno early			early variety, hot, productive, thick flesh	65	green	25	\$ 2.50
Orange sun			bell type. 4"x4" tasty, sweet, thick crunchy flesh. 24"	75	orange	12	\$ 2.50
Ros de Mallorca			3"x9" large, red, from Spain. Not hot but flavourful	75	red	10	\$ 2.50
Serrano			hot, thick walled, green ripens red. 2"x1/2", for salsa	85	green to red	25	\$ 2.50
Spanish mammoth	NEW		HUGE! Very tasty, sweet. Eat fresh or cook.	75-80	green to red	8	\$ 2.50
Sweet banana			sweet, mild, excellent yield, 5". For fresh use or fry	68	yellow to red	12	\$ 2.50
Pumpkin Cinderella			French heirloom, best tasting, squat/ribbed	95	orange	6	\$ 2.50
Radish Cherry belle			round, stays crisp & solid, very tasty. Plant spring/fall	25	bright red	50	\$ 2.50
French breakfast	NEW		crisp & mild. 2" long red with white tip	25-30	red, white tips	50	\$ 2.50
Spinach Nobel giant			slow-bolting, great flavour, vigorous	43	dark green, smooth	30	\$ 2.50
Squash Blue Hubbard			blue skin, sweet flesh. Winter squash. Avg 6 lbs ea.	90-100	blue	6	\$ 2.50
Delicata			winter squash. Sweet nutty flavour, fine grain	100	cream, green stripe	10	\$ 2.50
Giant pink banana			very nice dry, sweet orange flesh, 10-40 lbs. Fav!	105	pink	8	\$ 2.50
Honey nut butternut			winter squash, nutty flavour, delicious, many small ones	85	tan, lots of small ones	6	\$ 2.50
Pattypan yellow bush			summer type, tender, scalloped, compact bush	70	yellow	6	\$ 2.50
Queensland blue Hubbard			winter squash, tasty, semi-sweet. Long keeper	110	blue-grey	4	\$ 2.50
Spaghetti			winter type. 10", when cooked texture like spaghetti	110	yellow	6	\$ 2.50

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Zucchini Black beauty			12" cylinder, tender skin. Bush type for small garden	49	deep glossy green	10	\$ 2.50
Swiss chard Bright lights	NEW		colourful, tasty & tender, harvest all summer	60	green, colourful stalks	20	\$ 2.50
Watermelon Small Shining Light	NEW		sweet juicy red flesh, small & round. Early. Russia		dark green skin	12	\$ 2.50
TOMATOES			DETAILS	DAYS	FRUIT COLOUR	#	PRICE
		Country	H is for Heirloom	'indet.' is indeterminate plant; 'det.' is determinate plant			
Tomatillo 'Goldie'		Peru	H ground cherry, 1/2" fruit in paper husk, sweet, det.	75	golden yellow	12	\$ 3.00
Tomatillo 'Toma verde'		Mexico	H greene fruit in paper husk, use fresh or cooked, det.	70	green	12	\$ 3.00
Tomato Beefsteak		U.S.	H great tasting slicer, traditional beefsteak, indet.	80	red	12	\$ 3.00
Beefsteak, Willow pond		U.S.	H big, red, round, great taste, great slicer. Productive!	75	red	12	\$ 3.00
Big Ben		U.S.	H 1 lb, superb taste, sweet, dense, coreless! Indet.	88-85	pink	12	\$ 3.00
Black bear		Russia	H excellent sweet taste, juicy, high yields, large. Indet.	75	purple/black	15	\$ 3.00
Black blend		Many	H selection of our favourite black tomatoes. Indet.	75-90	black	15	\$ 3.00
Black cherry		U.S.	H cherry, sweet rich flavour, prolific, indet.	65	purple/red	15	\$ 3.00
Black Krim		Russia	H medium size, complex taste, heavy producer, indet.	80	brownish/red colour	20	\$ 3.00
Black mystery		S. Africa	H superior taste, not too sweet. Large, high yields. Indet.	80	brick red/black	10	\$ 3.00
Black Russian		Russia	H rich complex flavour, crack resistant, indet.	80	black/red	12	\$ 3.00
Brandywine Sudduth strain		U.S.	H excellent flavour/texture, Amish heirloom, indet.	80	pink	10	\$ 3.00
Campbell		U.S.	H rich taste, meaty, no cracking. All-around use. Indet.	75	red	12	\$ 3.00
Carbon		U.S.	H rich complex flavour, taste winner!, productive, indet.	75	purple/black	10	\$ 3.00
Chako gold		Canada	H great flavour, low acid, long shelf life. Indet.	75	orange	12	\$ 3.00
Dutchman		U.S.	H very large, solid flesh, sweet, great tomato taste. Indet.	85	pink	12	\$ 3.00
Eagle's beak	NEW	Russia	H very rare. Large, dense, great taste, good yeilds. Indet.	75-80	red	10	\$ 3.00
Earl of Edgecombe		New Zeal.	H firm meaty flesh, full flavour, heavy yields, indet.	73	orange	10	\$ 3.00
Fireworks		U.S.	H very large, extra early, great flavour, det.	60	red	10	\$ 3.00
Genuwine		U.S.	H cross of Costoluto Gen. x Brandywine, fabulous! indet.	75	scarlet	6	\$ 3.00
Giant Yugoslavian		Yugoslav	H huge, solid flesh, excellent flavour & yield. Indet.	80	red	15	\$ 3.00
Goose Creek	NEW	Caribbea	H acidic, juicy, good flavour, small/med size. Indet.	75	red	15	\$ 3.00
Greek garden		Greece	H large, meaty, great flavour, prolific, great slicer, indet.	85	red	15	\$ 3.00
Green grape		U.S.	H grape size, rich tangy flavour, very abundant! Indet.	60	green/gold	15	\$ 3.00
Green Moldovan		Moldovia	H 10 oz. rich tropical fruity taste, juicy, rare. Indet.	75	green/gold	15	\$ 3.00
Green Zebra		U.S.	H intense full flavour, tangy, indet.	75	lime green, streaked yellow	12	\$ 3.00
Hssiao		China	H pear shape cherry, great flavour, heavy yields, indet.	60	yellow	15	\$ 3.00
Italian heirloom		Italy	H huge fruit, excellent taste, fresh or sauce, indet.	75	red	15	\$ 3.00
Kardinal		Germany	H juicy, dense, great taste, earthy, great slicer. indet.	75	red	10	\$ 3.00
Ken's candy		Canada	H grape size, tangy flavour, very abundant! Indet.	65	gold & purple	12	\$ 3.00
Lemon boy		U.S.	H F1. juicy, low acid, mild flavour, prolific, indet.	72	yellow	10	\$ 3.00
Maria's cherry		Italy	H very sweet, prolific, cocktail cherry size, hardy, indet.	70	red	10	\$ 3.00
Mendigorría		Spain	H excellent sweet taste, low acid, Lots! Spain. Indet.	80	red	15	\$ 3.00
Momotaro	NEW	Japan	H sweet&tangy, taste winner! Dolly Parton fav., product	70	pink	15	\$ 3.00
Moya		Spain	H huge, juicy, sweet, meaty flesh. Fav!! Spain. Indet.	75-80	red	15	\$ 3.00
Mystery keeper		Spain	H acidic, good flavour, ripens over winter (2-4 months)	80-90	red	9	\$ 3.00
Negrillo de Almoguera		Spain	H rich smooth full flavour, large, from Basque region	75-80	purple/black	12	\$ 3.00
Oregon spring		U.S.	H medium, early, good tomato taste, hardy, det.	60	red	20	\$ 3.00

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Owen's purple	U.S.		complex rich taste, juicy, large. Indet.	80	purple/ruby red	12	\$ 3.00
Oxheart red	?	H	heartshape, up to 2 lbs., meaty, indet.	80	red	12	\$ 3.00
Pepe Jose	Portugal	H	rich old fashioned tomato taste! Large. Indet.	75	red	12	\$ 3.00
Poma amoris	Italy	H	sweet delicate taste, thin skin, ancient, Italy. Indet.	70	yellow	12	\$ 3.00
Purple Bumblebee	U.S.		excellent sweet taste, cherry type, produces lots!	70	purple, metallic green stripe	10	\$ 3.00
Red grape	Italy	H	3/4". Very sweet & tender, luscious taste. Indet	74	red	15	\$ 3.00
Red Robin	U.S.		dwarf 8" plant, sweet cherry, high yields. For pots.	55	red	6	\$ 3.00
Rideau sweet	Canada	H	cherry. Very sweet & tasty, very prolific, indet.	70	red	15	\$ 3.00
Roma	Italy	H	meaty, good taste, great for sauce, indet.	78	red	20	\$ 3.00
Rosa de Perales	NEW Spain	H	very bright taste, high yields, large. Indet.	80	red	15	\$ 3.00
Rumi Banjan	Afghan	H	Rare. SWEET, juicy, ribbed. Afghanistan. Indet.	75	yellow / orange / red	12	\$ 3.00
Rosso Bruno	Spain	H	juicy, sweet/low acid, high yields, great taste, keeper	75	reddish brown	10	\$ 3.00
San Marzanno	Italy	H	meaty, great for sauce, large, productive. indet.	80	bright red, pear shape	12	\$ 3.00
Shirley's red gem	Canada		Taste Winner!! Full tomato taste, 1 1/2" round. Indet	70	red	12	\$ 3.00
Silky Mike's	NEW Russia	H	silky smooth & juicy, rich sweet taste. Large. Indet.	80	red	12	\$ 3.00
Sub-arctic plenty	Canada	H	Earliest! lots of 2 oz fruit, good for northern gardens. Det.	49-59	red	15	\$ 3.00
Sugar lump	Germany	H	1" cherry, very sweet, very productive. indet.	65	red	20	\$ 3.00
Sun gold	U.S.		F1. Sweet! Vigorous, good fresh or dried, indet.	57	tangerine colour	8	\$ 3.00
Sunrise bumblebee	U.S.		cherry. excellent sweet, tangy taste. High yields. Indet	70	yellow, red stripes	10	\$ 3.00
Sweet million	?	H	cherry, very sweet, long clusters, high yield. indet.	70	red	10	\$ 3.00
Tsungshigo	China	H	grape type. Sweet, earthy taste, Chinese heirloom, indet.	70	dark red/black	15	\$ 3.00
Tumbler	U.S.		F1. sweet cherry, 12-16" plant, for hanging baskets. Det.	50	red	6	\$ 3.00
Uptown funk	NEW U.S.		rich complex taste, mid size, high yields. A fav! Indet	70	brown, green stripes	8	\$ 3.00
White currant	Peru	H	THE sweetest, 1/2", heavy clusters, prolific, indet.	70	creamy ivory	12	\$ 3.00
Yellow ruffle	Mexico	H	ruffled, mild, fruity, juicy, great slicer, LOTS! Indet.	75-80	yellow, red blush on end	15	\$ 3.00
HERBS			DETAILS	HT.	LEAF COLOUR	#	PRICE
Basil Genovese			traditional, favoured by chefs, great taste	21"	dark green	20	\$ 2.25
Italian sweet large leaf			large, bright green, strong scent/taste	24"	bright green	20	\$ 2.25
Mammoth			huge, light green, excellent flavour, crinkled leaf	15"	light green	25	\$ 2.25
Purple ruffles			strong scent, ruffled dark purple leaves. Beautiful!	16-18"	dark purple	20	\$ 2.25
Spicy globe			petite, rounded shape, very strong, spicy. For pots	6-8"	green	20	\$ 2.25
Sweet Thai			licorice flavour, also used for Thai food	24"	purple	20	\$ 2.25
Borage			sky blue star flowers, edible leaves/flowers	2-3'	green	10	\$ 2.25
Chives			mild green onion taste, hardy perennial, easy to grow	12"	green	100	\$ 2.25
Chives, garlic			flat leaves, garlic-like taste. Hardy, perennial, easy	12"	green	100	\$ 2.25
Cilantro Santo			large flat green leaf, abundant leaves, slow bolting	24"	green	20	\$ 2.25
Dill Superdukat			lots of foliage, uniform, high essential oil, easy	30"	green	20	\$ 2.25
Echinacea purpurea			large flowers, sturdy stems, used for medicinal use	2-3'	purple/pink	12	\$ 2.25
Lemon balm			lemon taste, for tea or salads	14-16"	light green	15	\$ 2.25
Mint, spearmint			the best mint for tea, cooking, sauces. Hardy perennial	12-16"	green	50	\$ 2.25
Oregano Greek	NEW		strong aroma/flavour, best for cooking. Hardy z5	12"	green	50	\$ 2.25

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Parsley Forest green (curled)			triple curled leaf, good flavour	12"	forest green	20	\$ 2.25
Parsley Italian (flat leaf)			dark green flat leaf, best flavour	12"	dark green	20	\$ 2.25
Sage (garden)			traditional, culinary, best flavour	24"	grey/green	10	\$ 2.25
Summer savory			easy to grow, good for veggies, bean dishes	12"	green/bronze	30	\$ 2.25
Sweet Marjoram			milder than oregano, used in Indonesian cooking	12"	green	30	\$ 2.25
Thyme (winter)			English type, hardy, excellent flavour	6-10"	green	40	\$ 2.25

***Primed seed** has already been stratified (pre-chilled), increasing germination rates.

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