

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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We do mail order, send us an email with your list.

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2020 SEED CATALOG

VEGETABLES			DETAILS	DAYS	COLOUR	#	PRICE
Arugula (rocket)			adds a tangy flavour to salads, 16"	30	green	25	\$ 2.50
Bean Blue Lake Bush (bush)			flavourful pods, tender & crisp. Heirloom	60	dark green	25	\$ 2.50
Isabel (pole)			excellent taste, slender French fancy 6". Vines 6-7'	55	green	25	\$ 2.50
Golden wax (bush)	NEW		stringless, great fresh, freeze or can. High yields. 18	50	golden yellow	25	\$ 2.50
Kahnawake Mohawk (pole)			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
Atomic red			high lycopene, crispy, 11" long, intense colour!	65	bright red	80	\$ 2.50
Danvers half long			great flavour, dependable, 7" long, thick root	70	orange	80	\$ 2.50
Cauliflower 'Early snowball'			7", 1 lb pure white heads. Crisp, tender	52	green & cream	40	\$ 2.50
Cucamelon			1", crisp white flesh, cuk-like taste with lemony tartness	80	light green, dark stripe	8	\$ 2.50
Cucumber Homemade pickles			tender, crisp, fresh, heavy producer. 4-6" mini	55	green	12	\$ 2.50
Long English			Heirloom. Long English type, few seeds, tasty!	60	green	12	\$ 2.50
Marketmore 76 slicer			slicer. 9", sweet mild flavour, resists mildew	66	dark green	12	\$ 2.50
Mini cuk			4-6" tender, tasty, spineless. Great for snacks	65	dark green	10	\$ 2.50
Kale Dwarf Blue Scotch curled			20" dwarf, finely curled, hardy, fresh/cooked	56-80	bright blue-green, curled	15	\$ 2.50
lacinato			black kale. Long narrow leaves, delicious. Hardy	55	dark blue	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			tender leaves, good raw or cooked. Toothed leaves	50-60	grey/green, purple stems	15	\$ 2.50
Lettuce blend of our favourites			blend of 4-5 varieties	25-50	green & red	50	\$ 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
Sweet & curly green			Fav! baby leaf or full leaf, ruffled, sweet, heat toleran	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, medium storag	98	gold skin, yellow flesh	50	\$ 2.50
green spring 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	40	\$ 2.50
sweet Kelsae (Ailsa Craig)			giant Kelsae type, sweet, firm flesh, better than Wall	105	gold skin, white flesh	40	\$ 2.50
Walla Walla			extra sweet & large. White flesh, use fresh	110	white	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 nettir	51	green	50	\$ 2.50
Sugar snap			juicy, crisp, sweet, edible pod. Eat fresh or steamed	70	green	40	\$ 2.50
Pepper Anaheim			6" long tapered green peppers. Pungent	70-90	green	10	\$ 2.50
Carolina reaper	NEW		HOTTEST pepper @ 1.5 million Scoville units. Gnar	120	red	5	\$ 3.00
Cayenne			thin, fiery hot peppers for canning, pickling & drying	70	green to red	10	\$ 2.50

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Cubanelle			mild, non-pungent ram's horn type, fresh/fry	68	green to red	12	\$ 2.50
diNapoli Italian frying pepper			the best Italian frying pepper! Very tasty!	75	green to red	10	\$ 2.50
early Cal wonder			very mild. Sweet, good raw, pickled, cooked	75	green to scarlet	12	\$ 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
golden Cal wonder			large peppers, great raw, fried or stuffed, high yields	75	green to golden yellow	12	\$ 2.50
Habanero			VERY HOT! 1"x1.5", thin walls, fruity taste	70	green to orange to red	10	\$ 2.50
Hungarian hot wax			waxy hot pepper for frying, roasting, pickling. 5.5"x1.5"	58	yellow turning red	12	\$ 2.50
Jalapeno early			early variety, hot, productive, thick flesh	65	green	25	\$ 2.50
Orange sun	DISC		bell type. 4"x4" tasty, sweet, thick crunchy flesh. 24" long	75	orange	12	\$ 2.50
Ring of Fire			extra early! Medium wall, hot cayenne type.	60	dark green to red	12	\$ 2.50
Scotch bonnet			Jamaican red. Super hot, 2" bonnet shape	90	red	12	\$ 2.50
Serrano			hot, thick walled, green ripens red. 2"x1/2", for salsa	85	green to red	25	\$ 2.50
Sweet banana			sweet, mild, excellent yield, 5". For fresh use or fry	68	yellow to red	12	\$ 2.50
Trinidad scorpion	NEW		2nd HOTTEST! 1.2 million Scoville units. Wrinkled	95	orange-red	5	\$ 3.00
Pumpkin Cinderella			French heirloom, best tasting, squat/ribbed	95	orange	6	\$ 2.50
Small sugar pie			5-6 lb, sweet stringless flesh makes very tasty pies.	100	orange	8	\$ 2.50
Radish Cherry belle			round, stays crisp & solid, very tasty. Plant spring/fall	25	bright red	50	\$ 2.50
French breakfast			crisp & mild. 2" long red with white tip	25-30	red, white tips	50	\$ 2.50
Spinach Bloomsdale	NEW		superior quality, heavy yields, slow bolting, crinkled leaves	50	glossy dark green	50	\$ 2.50
Spinach Nobel giant	DISC		slow-bolting, great flavour, vigorous	43	dark green, smooth	30	\$ 2.50
Squash Acorn table queen			sweet dry yellow flesh, vigorous. Thin hard shell	80	dark green	10	\$ 2.50
Blue Hubbard	DISC		blue skin, sweet flesh. Winter squash. Avg 6 lbs ea.	90-100	blue	6	\$ 2.50
Buttercup, Burgess			6-8", orange flesh, nutty taste. Drum shape. Vine	110	dark green	10	\$ 2.50
Butternut, Waltham			large 5lb, nutty taste, productive, long storage	100	tan	10	\$ 2.50
Honey nut butternut			winter squash, nutty flavour, delicious, many small ones	85	tan	6	\$ 2.50
Delicata			very sweet, fine grain flesh. Great for baking, stuffing	100	cream, dk green stripes	10	\$ 2.50
Pattypan yellow bush			summer type, tender, scalloped, compact bush	70	yellow	12	\$ 2.50
Spaghetti			winter type. 10", when cooked texture like spaghetti	110	yellow	7	\$ 2.50
Zucchini Black beauty			12" cylinder, tender skin. Bush type for small garden	49	deep glossy green	10	\$ 2.50
Golden zucchini	NEW		buttery sweet flavour, best at 8-10", high yields, slender	54	golden yellow	10	\$ 2.50
Swiss chard Bright lights			colourful, tasty & tender, harvest all summer	60	green, colourful stalks	20	\$ 2.50
Watermelon Crimson sweet			juicy, bright red flesh, fine texture, sweet. 25-30 lbs	85	dark green striped	12	\$ 2.50
TOMATOES			DETAILS	DAYS	FRUIT COLOUR	#	PRICE
		Country	H is for Heirloom 'indet.' is indeterminate plant; 'det.' is determinate plant				
Physalis 'Goldie'		Peru	H ground cherry, 1/2" fruit in paper husk, sweet, det.	75	golden yellow	12	\$ 3.00
Tomatillo 'Toma verde'		Mexico	H green fruit in paper husk, use fresh or cooked, det.	70	green	12	\$ 3.00
Tomato Amish paste		U.S.	H paste type, very sweet, plum shape 8 oz. indet.	80	red	12	\$ 3.00
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

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Black cherry		U.S.	H	cherry, sweet rich flavour, prolific, indet.	65	purple/red	15	\$ 3.00
Black mystery		S. Africa	H	superior taste, not too sweet. Large, high yields. Indet.	80	brick red/black	10	\$ 3.00
Bonnie best		?	H	excellent for canning, 7 oz fruit. Indet.	85	red	15	\$ 3.00
Brandywine	DISC	U.S.	H	large 20 oz fruit, very tasty!	85	red	10	\$ 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
Chako gold		Canada	H	great flavour, low acid, long shelf life. Indet.	75	orange	12	\$ 3.00
Chilean cherry		Chile	H	very high producer! Very sweet, small fruit. Indet	65	red	10	\$ 3.00
Earl of Edgecombe		New Zeal.	H	firm meaty flesh, full flavour, heavy yields, indet.	73	orange	10	\$ 3.00
Egyptian		Egypt	H	excellent taste, high producer, sausage shape. Indet	70-75	red	10	\$ 3.00
Eva's Polish raspberry	NEW	Poland	H	sweet, fruity taste. Early, heavy yields. From Eva	70-75	red	12	\$ 3.00
Fireworks		U.S.	H	very large, extra early, great flavour, det.	60	red	10	\$ 3.00
Golden love apple		Italy	H	sweet delicate taste, thin skin, ancient variety. Indet.	70	golden yellow	12	\$ 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
Italian heirloom		Italy	H	huge fruit, excellent taste, fresh or sauce, indet.	75	red	15	\$ 3.00
Japanese sweet cherry		Japan	H	very sweet, heavy producer! Easy to pick. Indet.	65-70	red	10	\$ 3.00
Kardinal		Germany	H	juicy, dense, great taste, earthy, great slicer. indet.	75	red	10	\$ 3.00
Ken's candy		Canada		grape size, tangy flavour, very abundant! Indet.	65	gold & purple	12	\$ 3.00
Kumato	DISC	Spain	H	juicy, sweet/low acid, high yields, great taste, keeper	75	reddish brown	10	\$ 3.00
Lucid gem	NEW	U.S.		Sweetest, prettiest, heavy yields, big favourite!!	70-75	black over orange-red	12	\$ 3.00
Maria's cherry		Italy	H	very sweet, prolific, cocktail cherry size, hardy, indet.	70	red	10	\$ 3.00
Mendigorria		Spain	H	excellent sweet taste, low acid, Lots! Spain. Indet.	80	red	15	\$ 3.00
Momotaro (Dolly Parton's fav)		Japan	H	sweet&tangy, taste winner! Dolly Parton fav., produc	70	pink	15	\$ 3.00
Moya		Spain	H	huge, juicy, excellent sweet old-time taste. Indet.	80	red	10	\$ 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
Oxheart red	DISC	?	H	heartshape, up to 2 lbs., meaty, indet.	80	red	12	\$ 3.00
Pepe Jose		Portugal	H	Fav! rich old fashioned tomato taste! Large. Indet.	75	red	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.	H	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
Rumi Banjan		Afghan	H	Fav! Rare. SWEET, juicy, ribbed. Afghanistan. Indet	75	yellow / orange / red	12	\$ 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
Sub-arctic plenty		Canada	H	Earliest! lots of 2 oz fruit, good for northern gardens. Det.	49-59	red	15	\$ 3.00
Sun gold		U.S.		F1. cherry. Sweet! Vigorous, good fresh or dried, indet.	57	tangerine colour	8	\$ 3.00

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Sundown		Canada		high yields, cherry type, excellent taste, unusual. Ind	65-70	orange, black shoulder	10	\$ 3.00
Sunrise bumblebee		U.S.		cherry. excellent sweet, tangy taste. High yields. Ind	70	yellow, red stripes	10	\$ 3.00
Sweet Mike's		Russia	H	silky smooth & juicy, rich sweet taste. Large. Indet.	80	red	12	\$ 3.00
Sweet million		?		F1. cherry, very sweet, long clusters, high yield. inde	70	red	10	\$ 3.00
Tumbler		U.S.	H	sweet cherry, 12-16" plant, for hanging baskets. Det.	50	red	6	\$ 3.00
Uptown funk		U.S.		rich complex taste, mid size, high yields. A fav! Indet	70	brown, green stripes	8	\$ 3.00
Valencia		Spain	H	Sweet! Excellent taste, high producer, A favourite!	65	red	12	\$ 3.00
White currant		Peru	H	THE sweetest, 1/2", heavy clusters, prolific, indet.	70	creamy ivory	12	\$ 3.00
Yellow plum		?	H	plum shape cherry, great flavour, heavy yields, indet	60	yellow	15	\$ 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	\$ 2.50
Italian sweet large leaf				large, bright green, strong scent/taste	24"	bright green	20	\$ 2.50
Mammoth				huge, light green, excellent flavour, crinkled leaf	15"	light green	25	\$ 2.50
Spicy globe				petite, rounded shape, very strong, spicy. For pots	6-8"	green	20	\$ 2.50
Sweet Thai				licorice flavour, also used for Thai food	24"	dark purple	25	\$ 2.50
Borage				sky blue star flowers, edible leaves/flowers	2-3'	green	10	\$ 2.50
Chives				mild green onion taste, hardy perennial, easy to grow	12"	green	100	\$ 2.50
Chives, garlic	DISC			flat leaves, garlic-like taste. Hardy, perennial, easy	12"	green	100	\$ 2.50
Cilantro Santo				large flat green leaf, abundant leaves, slow bolting	24"	green	30	\$ 2.50
Dill Superdukat				lots of foliage, uniform, high essential oil, easy	30"	green	30	\$ 2.50
Echinacea purpurea				large flowers, sturdy stems, used for medicinal use	2-3'	purple/pink	12	\$ 2.50
Lemon balm	DISC			lemon taste, for tea or salads	14-16"	light green	30	\$ 2.50
Mint, spearmint				the best mint for tea, cooking, sauces. Hardy perenn	12-16"	green	50	\$ 2.50
Oregano Greek				strong aroma/flavour, best for cooking. Hardy z5	12"	green	50	\$ 2.50
Parsley Forest green (curled)				triple curled leaf, good flavour	12"	forest green	40	\$ 2.50
Parsley Italian (flat leaf)				dark green flat leaf, best flavour	12"	dark green	30	\$ 2.50
Sage (garden)				traditional, culinary, best flavour	24"	grey/green	15	\$ 2.50
Summer savory				easy to grow, good for veggies & bean dishes	12"	green/bronze	50	\$ 2.50
Sweet Marjoram				milder than oregano, used in Indonesian cooking	12"	green	30	\$ 2.50
Thyme (winter)				English type, hardy, excellent flavour	6-10"	green	50	\$ 2.50
NAME				DETAILS	HT.	FLOWER COLOUR	#	PRICE
ANNUALS							seeds	
Borage				large fuzzy leaves (edible), attracts pollinators, pretty	2-3'	sky blue, 5 petals	10	\$ 2.25
Lion's tail				hummingbirds love it, needs room! WOW!	6-10'	orange, tubular on green ba	15	\$ 2.25
Marigold 'Burning embers'				velvety, great cut flower, scented, drought tolerant	2'	red, dark orange	20	\$ 2.25
Marigold 'Moonbeam'				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
Nasturtium "Fiery festival"	NEW			marbled leaves, single flowers, climber or trailer	to 6'	various	12	\$ 2.25

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Salvia 'Lady in red'			1" trumpet flowers, 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 'Ring of Fire'			lots of flowers, heavy branching. Good cut flower	40-50"	red with yellow edges	10	\$ 2.25
PERENNIALS							
Echinacea purpurea			large flowers, sturdy stems, used for medicinal use	2-3'	purple/pink	12	\$ 2.50
Lavender 'Hidcote'			primed seed for better germination, hardy zone 5	12"	deep violet, scented	16	\$ 2.50

DISC' are seeds that will be discontinued after this year as we will not be growing them anymore. May sell out early.

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

For tomatoes:

'indet.' is for an indeterminate plant, one that needs to be staked & produces fruit throughout the season.

'det.' is for a determinate plant, one that is shorter, doesn't need to be staked, and produces its tomatoes all at once over a short time.

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