

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!

Our seeds are 'naturally grown', without the use of any chemicals of any kind, not even the ones allowed & used by 'organic' gardeners. Good soil, good water, best practices & land husbandry and lots of love!

"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.

LAUGHING SWAN FARM

2021 SEED CATALOG

VEGETABLES			DETAILS	DAYS	COLOUR	#	PRICE
Arugula (rocket)			adds a tangy flavour to salads, 16"	30	green	40	\$ 2.50
Bean Blue Lake Bush (bush)			flavourful pods, tender & crisp. Heirloom	60	dark green	30	\$ 2.50
Isabel (pole)			excellent taste, slender French fancy 6". Vines 6-7'	55	green	30	\$ 2.50
Golden wax (bush)			stringless, great fresh, freeze or can. High yields. 18	50	golden yellow	30	\$ 2.50
Beet Cylindrica			yummy 5"long x 2" for uniform slicing, good tops too	54	dark red	60	\$ 2.50
Early wonder			tall tasty greens with good tasting round roots	45-55	dark red	60	\$ 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	30	\$ 2.50
Carrot Amsterdam			great flavour, 6-8" long, sweet, stores well, coreless	45-55	orange	100	\$ 2.50
Atomic red			high lycopene, crispy, 11" long, intense colour!	65	bright red	80	\$ 2.50
Cucamelon			1", crisp white flesh, cuk-like taste with lemony tartness	80	light green, dark stripe	15	\$ 2.50
Cucumber Homemade pickles			tender, crisp, fresh, heavy producer. 4-6" mini	55	green	15	\$ 2.50
Long English			Heirloom. Long English type, few seeds, tasty!	60	green	15	\$ 2.50
Marketmore 76 slicer			slicer. 9", sweet mild flavour, resists mildew	66	dark green	15	\$ 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	20	\$ 2.50
mixed blend			mix of varieties so you can try different ones	55-75	green, red, blue	20	\$ 2.50
Red Russian			tender leaves, good raw or cooked. Toothed leaves	50-60	grey/green, purple stems	20	\$ 2.50
Lettuce blend of our favourites			blend of 4-5 varieties	25-50	green & red	50	\$ 2.50
Jester	NEW		juicy & sweet, slow to bolt, great taste.	60	lt. green with red dots	60	\$ 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
Sweet & curly green			Fav! baby leaf or full leaf, ruffled, sweet, heat toleran	45	green	80	\$ 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	50	\$ 2.50
Walla Walla			extra sweet & large. White flesh, use fresh	110	white	40	\$ 2.50
Peas Alaska	NEW		v. early, heavy yield, disease resist. 36", 6-8 peas/po	55	green	100	\$ 2.50
Sugar snap			juicy, crisp, sweet, edible pod. Eat fresh or steamed	70	green	50	\$ 2.50
Pepper Anaheim			6" long tapered green peppers. Pungent	70-90	green	15	\$ 2.50
Cayenne			thin, fiery hot peppers for canning, pickling & drying	70	green to red	15	\$ 2.50
Cubanelle			mild, non-pungent ram's horn type, fresh/fry	68	green to red	12	\$ 2.50
early Cal wonder			very mild. Sweet, good raw, pickled, cooked	75	green to scarlet	20	\$ 2.50
Giant bell			large 4"x6", sweet, thick wall, huge yield.	75	green to red	10	\$ 2.50
golden Cal wonder			large peppers, great raw, fried or stuffed, high yields	75	green to golden yellow	15	\$ 2.50
Habanero			VERY HOT! 1"x1.5", thin walls, fruity taste	70	green to orange to red	10	\$ 2.50
Jalapeno early			early variety, hot, productive, thick flesh	65	green	25	\$ 2.50
Ring of Fire			extra early! Medium wall, hot cayenne type.	60	dark green to red	15	\$ 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
Pumpkin Small sugar pie			5-6 lb, sweet stringless flesh makes very tasty pies.	100	orange	10	\$ 2.50

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Radish Cherry belle				round, stays crisp & solid, very tasty. Plant spring/fal	25	bright red	60	\$ 2.50
French breakfast				crisp & mild. 2" long red with white tip	25-30	red, white tips	60	\$ 2.50
Spinach Bloomsdale				superior quality, heavy yields, slow bolting, crinkled l	50	glossy dark green	60	\$ 2.50
Squash Acorn table queen				sweet dry yellow flesh, vigorous. Thin hard shell	80	dark green	12	\$ 2.50
Buttercup, Burgess				6-8", orange flesh, nutty taste. Drum shape. Vine	110	dark green	12	\$ 2.50
Butternut, Waltham				large 5lb, nutty taste, productive, long storage	100	tan	10	\$ 2.50
Delicata				very sweet, fine grain flesh. Great for baking, stuffing	100	cream, dk green stripes	12	\$ 2.50
Spaghetti				winter type. 10", when cooked texture like spaghetti	110	yellow	10	\$ 2.50
Zucchini Black beauty				12" cylinder, tender skin. Bush type for small garden	49	deep glossy green	10	\$ 2.50
Golden zucchini				buttery sweet flavour, best at 8-10", high yields, slen	54	golden yellow	10	\$ 2.50
Swiss chard Bright lights				colourful, tasty & tender, harvest all summer	60	green, colourful stalks	30	\$ 2.50
Watermelon Crimson sweet				juicy, bright red flesh, fine texture, sweet. 25-30 lbs	85	dark green striped	12	\$ 2.50
TOMATOES	*LSF*			DETAILS	DAYS	FRUIT COLOUR	#	PRICE
		Country	H	is for Heirloom		'indet.' is indeterminate plant; 'det.' is determinate plant		
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 yype, very sweet, plum shape 8 oz. indet.	80	red	12	\$ 3.00
Beefsteak		U.S.	H	great tasting slicer, traditional beefsteak, indet.	80	red	20	\$ 3.00
Big Ben		U.S.	H	1 lb, superb taste, sweet, dense, coreless! Indet.	88-85	pink	15	\$ 3.00
Black bear		Russia	H	excellent sweet taste, juicy, high yields, large. Indet.	75	purple/black	15	\$ 3.00
Black cherry		U.S.	H	cherry, sweet rich flavour, prolific, indet.	65	purple/red	15	\$ 3.00
Black mystery	DISC	S. Africa	H	superior taste, not too sweet. Large, high yields. Indet.	80	brick red/black	10	\$ 3.00
Bonnie best	DISC	?	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
Chako gold	LSF	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	15	\$ 3.00
Earl of Edgecombe		New Zeal.	H	firm meaty flesh, full flavour, heavy yields, indet.	73	orange	10	\$ 3.00
Eva's Polish raspberry		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	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	15	\$ 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	15	\$ 3.00
Kardinal		Germany	H	juicy, dense, great taste, earthy, great slicer. indet.	75	red	10	\$ 3.00
Lucid gem		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	12	\$ 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., lots!	70	pink	15	\$ 3.00

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Moya		Spain	H	huge, juicy, excellent sweet old-time taste. Indet.	80	red	15	\$ 3.00
Mystery keeper		Spain	H	acidic, good flavour, ripens over winter (2-4 months)	80-90	red	10	\$ 3.00
Negrillo de Almoguera		Spain	H	rich smooth full flavour, large, from Basque region	75-80	purple/black	15	\$ 3.00
Pepe Jose		Portugal	H	Fav! rich old fashioned tomato taste! Large. Indet.	75	red	15	\$ 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	10	\$ 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	12	\$ 3.00
San Marzanno		Italy	H	meaty, great for sauce, large, productive. indet.	80	bright red, pear shape	15	\$ 3.00
Shirley's red gem	LSF	Canada		Taste Winner!! Full tomato taste, 1 1/2" round. Indet	70	red	15	\$ 3.00
Sub-arctic plenty	DISC	Canada	H	Earliest! lots of 2 oz fruit, good for northern gardens. Det.	49-59	red	15	\$ 3.00
Sundown	LSF	Canada		high yields, cherry type, excellent taste, unusual. Ind	65-70	orange, black shoulder	12	\$ 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
Terra	NEW	LSF	Canada	excellent taste, high producer, dense, sausage shape	70-75	red	15	\$ 3.00
Tumbler		U.S.	H	sweet cherry, 12-16" plant, for hanging baskets. Semi-det.	50	red	12	\$ 3.00
Uptown funk		U.S.		rich complex taste, mid size, high yields. A fav! Indet	70	brown, green stripes	10	\$ 3.00
Valencia		Spain	H	Sweet! Excellent taste, high producer, A fav! Indet.	65	red	15	\$ 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
HERBS				DETAILS	HT.	LEAF COLOUR	#	PRICE
Basil Genovese				traditional, favoured by chefs, great taste	21"	dark green	30	\$ 2.50
Italian sweet large leaf				large, bright green, strong scent/taste	24"	bright green	30	\$ 2.50
Mammoth				huge, light green, excellent flavour, crinkled leaf	15"	light green	30	\$ 2.50
Spicy globe				petite, rounded shape, very strong, spicy. For pots	6-8"	green	30	\$ 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
Cilantro Santo				large flat green leaf, abundant leaves, slow bolting	24"	green	50	\$ 2.50
Dill Superdukat				lots of foliage, uniform, high essential oil, easy	30"	green	50	\$ 2.50
Echinacea purpurea				large flowers, sturdy stems, used for medicinal use	2-3'	purple/pink	15	\$ 2.50
Mint, spearmint				the best mint for tea, cooking, sauces. Hardy perennial	12-16"	green	100	\$ 2.50
Oregano Greek				strong aroma/flavour, best for cooking. Hardy z5	12"	green	80	\$ 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	40	\$ 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
Thyme (winter)				English type, hardy, excellent flavour	6-10"	green	100	\$ 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	
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	40	\$ 2.25	
Nasturtium "Fiery festival"			marbled leaves, single flowers, climber or trailer	to 6'	various	12	\$ 2.25	
Sunflower 'Mammoth Russian'			large 10-12" heads full of edible seeds	10'	yellow, black seeds	20	\$ 2.25	
Sunflower 'Ring of Fire'			lots of flowers, heavy branching. Good cut flower	40-50"	red with yellow edges	15	\$ 2.25	
PERENNIALS								
Echinacea purpurea			large flowers, sturdy stems, used for medicinal use	2-3'	purple/pink	15	\$ 2.50	
Lavender 'Hidcote'			primed seed for better germination, hardy zone 5	12"	deep violet, scented	16	\$ 2.50	

For tomatoes:

***LSF* tomatoes are varieties we have developed here on our farm, won't be found anywhere else!**

'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.

'semi-det' is for a plant that doesn't need to be staked, but produces fruit throughout the season.

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.

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