# HPAGC Seed Order 2023

### Bush Beans - Provider



Veseys - "Earliest, Great for freezing." Mark Cullen - Mark's Choice Incredible - "Earliest to market, easy to grow, and adaptable to diverse conditions."

Provider is an early and excellent variety of bean! Heavy yields of 15 cm (6") long, round pods with dark purple seed hang straight in clusters making picking a snap. It is a wonderful choice for home or market gardens due to its superb flavor. 50-55 days

### Cabbage - Golden Acre Early



From 1928, Golden Acre Heirloom Cabbages are early, disease resistant and perfect for small organic gardens. The green leaves are sweet and refreshing. These heirloom cabbages have heads that are 3-4 pounds each. Matures in about 65 days and is an open pollinated cabbage variety.

#### **Carrots - Rainbow Blend**



West Coast - "Must Grow" Eden Brothers - "Staff Favourites"

Enjoy the diversity that carrots can bring to the garden. Plant Rainbow Blend carrot seeds to grow purple, white, red, and nice big orange carrots all in the same row. Get the most out of this collection by sowing as evenly as possible to reduce thinning and waste. Repeat sowings will provide a polychromatic carrot bounty from late spring to winter. Kids will love the variety of colours - and flavours. Matures in 75-110 days. (Hybrid and open-pollinated seeds)



# Celery - Tango

Veseys - "Reliable and vigorous." <u>SeasonalHomesteader.co</u>m - "No question on this one, it's hard to beat. No need to grow anything else- for now at least!"

This greatly-improved variety is early-maturing and easy to grow. It matures two weeks earlier than most varieties, making it an excellent choice for shorter-season gardeners. Smooth, non-stringy stalks have a big celery crunch. The leaves are strongly aromatic and useful in soups and savoury dishes of all kinds. Plus it's open pollinated, so it's well suited for seed saving. Self-blanching. Winner of the RHS Award of Garden Merit. Matures in 85 days. (Open-pollinated seeds)

### Celosia - Magenta Forest Fire



The National Garden Bureau - 2023 is Year of Celosia

Heat-loving annual with a debonair look - red/bronze foliage supports feathery plumes of vibrant magenta flowers that are popular as fresh or dried cut flowers. On a summer evening, the plumes catch the sunlight like nothing else! For bouquets, harvest celosia at peak blossom. For straight stems in dry arrangements, hang celosia upside down to dry for two weeks. Pack Size: 100 seeds

# Chard - Five Colour



Baker Creek - "Pretty enough to plant in the flower garden; so delicious and one of our favourite greens!" Vesey's Top Pick - Heavy Producer

56 days to maturity. A rainbow mix of colourful chards is a lovey sight! Beautiful in the garden, you'll get all of your favourite colours in one package. Plant in rows or containers for the best show. Stems are red, yellow, pink, gold, and white. This is a great all around open pollinated swiss chard variety, adaptable to any home organic vegetable garden.

### Cosmos - Xsenia



Garden Trends Report - Terra Cotta is colour of the year Park Seeds - "Must Have Flowers"

A brand new cosmos! Cosmos 'Xsenia' has one-of-a-kind terracotta orange petals edged with rose pink. In full sun, the petals appear bright pink and as the light fades in the evening (or on cloudy days) the orange tones seem to intensify like the setting sun. With metallic-looking petals, our new cosmos makes a real showstopper, and we love the way that the petals appear to burn more vibrantly as the light fades. 24" tall. 75-90 days to maturity.

# Cucumber - Beit Alpha



Vesey's - "One of the most disease resistant on the market." Johnnys - "Sure thing." <u>SeasonalHomestead.com</u> - Most Recommended

Open pollinated and nearly spineless! A Middle Eastern type, Beit Alpha produces 6-8 inch fruit that is sweet, crunchy, bitter free and burpless. The fruit can be harvested at 5-6" for pickling and salads. Matures in 56 days from transplants.



# Dinosaur Kale

Seed Savers - "Excellent performance, incredible taste and beauty, and beloved for generations"

65 days - A stunning plant with a wonderful prehistoric look. These heirloom kale seeds grow into three feet tall plants, with deeply savoyed leaves, which each grow up to eighteen inches long. Dinosaur kale has excellent flavour which only improves after frost. You can expect to harvest the amazing leaves up until snowfall.

### **Buttercrunch Butterhead Lettuce**



West Coast - "Must Grow" Park Seeds - "Fast Growing Veges" Eden Brothers - "Staff Favourites"

We love the flavour and delicate texture of the leaves for lettuce wraps! Buttercrunch butterhead lettuce seeds are a Bibb type lettuce that forms a tight little rosette of soft, dark-green, upward-facing leaves surrounding a tender, pale centre. The small hearts don't become bitter in hot weather. Later plantings stand well into fall and make good growth in spring cold frames. Buttercrunch lettuce is a good candidate for growing all winter if you can provide cloche or greenhouse protection, or even a simple cold frame. Matures in 67 days.

# Magenta Orach



Magenta is Pantone Colour of the Year

This little known relative of Amaranth and Quinoa produces bright fuchsia, succulent, tasty leaves unlike any other salad leaf. Seeds produce plants with eye-catching leaves that simply pop in salad mixes - the flavour is sharp with subtle salty overtones. It is very well adapted for coastal growing. Let some orach plants go to flower in late summer, as the pollen is highly attractive to predatory syrphid flies that will protect your other fall crops from aphids. Matures in 40-50 days. (Open-pollinated seeds)

# Painted Tongue - Mix



Park Seeds - Must Have Flowers

(aka Velvet Trumpet, Tube Tongue) Native to Chile and introduced to North America in 1824. The open trumpet shaped flowers come in a wonderful mix of colors with different colored veining. Ht: 2'. Annual

### Pepper - King of the North



An heirloom that ripens early in the season producing high yields of good-sized peppers. This variety thrives in the cooler summers, typical of Eastern Canada. High yields of crisp bells, green ripening to red, right up until the first fall frost. 68 Days to maturity.

#### Summer Squash - Costata Romanesco



Niki Jabbour - "I've been growing Costata Romanesco for the past decade and love the high productivity, unusual ribbed fruits, and edible blossoms.

The large, open, bushy heirloom plant produces distinctively ribbed Italian heirloom zucchini 30-40cm (12-16"). Fruit are long with pale green flecks and ribs on dark, grayish green skin. Romanesco zucchini seeds produce fruits that have a very pleasant nutty taste and a presence that transcends the world of ordinary zucchini. Matures in 55 days.

### Strawflower - Apricot Peach



Terra Cotta is colour of the year Dried Flowers is Garden Trend for 2023

Apricot Peach Strawflowers have everlasting blooms that range in warm shades of Peachy Apricot goodness! Their papery blooms are one of the last to tough out the cold in autumn, along with calendula and feverfew, a delight for gardeners and pollinators alike. Apricot Peach Strawflowers are a lovely addition to your fall garlic braids, add a couple stands for a punch of colour and joy all winter long. Upright growth to 3 feet height on long, branching stems with 2-2.5" flowers. Trellis may be needed for horizontal support. Strawflowers are stunning and long-lasting in dried arrangements and also lovely in fresh arrangements. Flowers also deter aphids. Mature in about 75-85 days.

# Dwarf Sunflower



The sunflower is Ukraine's national flower

Single, enormous flowers up to 30cm (12") across on very short stems. Dwarf Sunspot sunflower seeds produce stout plants that rarely grow taller than 60cm (24"). Dwarf Sunspot makes a very striking container plant, but will require regular feeding, and a fairly heavy base so that it doesn't get top heavy. The long lasting flowers produce copious seeds for wild birds to snack on. This is a really fun variety because it's so strange to see giant sunflowers on such relatively short plants. Direct sow sunflower seeds from late spring and enjoy their spectacular flowers from mid-summer to the end of the season.

### Slicer Tomato - Cherokee Purple



Baker Creek - "Old Cherokee heirloom, pre-1890 variety. Try this one for old-time tomato flavour. Our favourite dark tomato and one of our best-selling varieties."

Indeterminate. 80 days. Heirloom Tomato Seeds. The Cherokee Purple Heirloom Tomato is a purple coloured variety, cultivated by a Native American Cherokee tribe. The plants are highly productive, producing loads of 12 ounce beefsteak tomatoes with deep red interiors. Its complex sweet flavours make it one of the best tasting heirlooms. This is a great all around heirloom tomato variety, adaptable to any home organic vegetable garden.

#### Grape Tomato - Gardener's Sweetheart



Vesey's Top Pick - Consistently our favourite grape tomato for flavour. Owen from Annapolis' recommends

Large, shiny, heart-shaped cherries with a smooth texture and rich flavour. Low-juice compared to most other cherry tomatoes. Vigourous and productive vines.

### Lawn Replacement Mix



Garden trend for 2023

Use Alternative Lawn Blend wildflower seeds as an alternative to lawn. It forms a low-growing, dense ground cover composed of fine fescues, flowers, and clover species, and provides a colourful and less demanding alternative to traditional grass lawns. This incredibly beautiful blend contains thirteen species that will fill in spaces fairly rapidly and return to bloom from year to year. It stays low growing like a carpet of colour, and attracts beneficial insects and butterflies over a very long bloom period. Recommended rate of application: 115g per 1,000 square feet. Hardy to Zone 4.