

BELL PEPPERS (0 SCOVILLE HEAT UNITS)

Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Bull Nose Bell	Red	75	Bell peppers that ripen from green to red with a mild, sweet taste. Likely introduced to North America in the 1700s.
Chocolate Beauty	Brown	85	Chocolate Beauty pepper seeds produce medium large plants with lobed bell peppers that turn from green to a chocolate brown. Sweetness increases as they ripen for spectacular flavor.
Golden Cal Wonder	Yellow	78	Golden yellow bell peppers that are sweet and tasty. Produces early and is good for northern climates.
King of the North	Red	70	The best red bell pepper for northern gardeners where the seasons are cool and short. Productive plants yield green bell peppers ripening to red up until frost.
Mini Yellow Bell	Yellow	55	Produces an abundance of cute little yellow fruits only 1 to 2 inches in diameter. Great for eating fresh and very sweet.
Napoleon Sweet	Red	90	Eight-inch elongated bells are as mild as apples. Fruits stand upright on 2' plants and ripen from green to red. Best used when green or just turning to red. Productive large pepper that bears consistently until frost. Early large pepper; great for stuffing.
Orange Bell	Orange	75	Super sweet, brilliant orange fruit is blocky and good-sized with thick flesh that is flavorful and among the best tasting of all peppers. Plants produce large yields of this most magnificent pepper.
Purple Beauty	Purple	75	Absolutely stunning purple bell pepper. Large 4-lobed, thick-walled fruits borne on sturdy compact plants. Tender crisp texture, mild sweet flavor.
Wisconsin Lakes	Red	75	Developed in the 1960s at the UW Madison by Professor O. B. Combs. Great choice for an early maturing bell pepper. Reliable yields of thick-walled, 4-6 oz. fruits that ripen from green to red.
Zulu	Black	80	Compact plants produce medium walled black fruits 3+ inches long and turn from black to red/black when fully ripe. Productive and easy to grow in northern climates.

SWEET PEPPERS (0 – 50 SCOVILLE HEAT UNITS)

Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Antohi Romania	Red	70	Extremely prolific and early heirloom, producing 4" long fruits for months. Sweet, 4" long fruits that ripen from pale yellow to orange to red. Heirloom brought back to the Western hemisphere by touring acrobat Jan Antohi.
Golden Treasure	Yellow	80	Italian variety great for frying, roasting and eating fresh. Ripen from green to yellow, fruits are 9" long and conical shaped. Compact plants reach 2-3' tall and produce numerous peppers.
Healthy	Yellow	80	Italian heirloom variety, excellent for frying, roasting, and fresh eating. The 9-inch long fruits ripen from green to shiny yellow. Sweet medium thick flesh and tender skin
Lipstick	Red	55	A delicious pepper with 4-inch long tapered, pimiento type fruit that is super sweet. This fine pepper is early and ripens well in the North. A flavorful favorite with thick, red flesh.
Murasaki Purple	Purple	75	Pepper originating from Nara, Japan where it was introduced in the 15 th and 16 th centuries. A deep purple color and a conical shape. Murasaki Purple peppers are crunchy with a mild and sweet, heatless flavor. In addition to the peppers, the plant is distinguished by its unique purple-hued stems, veins, and flowers. A great source of anthocyanins, the pigments that produce the purple coloration.
Pippin's Golden Honey	Orange	80	Multicolored sweet pepper, heirloom originating from the Philadelphia African American community of the early 1900s. Purple flowers and fruit transition to yellow then orange as they ripen to 3 to 3 ½ "" fruits. Name comes from painter Horace Pippin, who was the original source of the seeds. Highly ornamental.
Sheepnose Pimento	Red	70	Gorgeous cheese-type sweet pepper, ripening from green to red. The fruit is round, oblate, and stylishly ribbed—so pretty in the garden or on your table! Thick-walled, crisp and juicy fruits keep an extraordinarily long time when refrigerated. An Ohio heirloom dating back to at least 1940, so you know it's a great performer in northern climates.

MILD PEPPERS (50 – 10,000 SCOVILLE HEAT UNITS)

Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Beaver Dam	Red	80	Hungarian heirloom pepper brought to Beaver Dam, WI, in 1912 by the Joe Hussli family and contributed to the Seed Savers Exchange. Florence Hussli recommends adding crisp sliced rings to a cheese and bologna sandwich, or using for stuffed peppers. Fruits are mildly hot when seeded. 5,00-1,000 SHU.
Black Hungarian	Black	75	Unique, black-colored fruit that are the shape of a jalapeño. They are mildly hot and have a delicious flavor. The tall plants have beautiful purple flowers that make this variety very ornamental. Rare and colorful! 2,500-10,000 SHU.
Early Jalapeño	Red	75	Dark green, pungent 3" hot peppers are excellent fresh or pickled. Zesty flavor is great in Mexican dishes. Used green or left to ripen until red. 2,500-8,000 SHU
Fish	Multi	80	Nineteenth century African American heirloom first offered by William Woys Weaver and popular in the Philadelphia/Baltimore region. Plants have beautiful variegated foliage. 3" long fruits are striped and colorful. Traditionally used in oyster and crab houses around Chesapeake Bay. 5,000–30,000 SHU
Leutschaer Paprika	Red	90	A Hungarian heirloom dating back to the 1800s that originated near Leutschau, Slovakia. Compact plant grows 2-3' tall and yields 2-4" long bright red peppers with smooth skin and a conical shape. Crispy texture with sweet flavor and aroma. Great for drying, smoking and grinding into a flavorful paprika powder. 1,000-2,500 SHU
Lemon Spice Jalapeño	Yellow	65	A colorful variety from New Mexico State University. Fruits are bright yellow-gold in color with a citrusy tang. Can be used in the same ways as standard jalapeños. Original crossing was between Early Jalapeño and Permagreen bell peppers. 2,500-8,000 SHU
Numex Suave Orange	Yellow	90	A mild habanero type with a hint of heat and slightly larger, plumper fruit and brighter yellow-orange color. Relatively early compared to other habaneros. 800 SHU.
Orange Spice Jalapeño	Orange	65	A colorful new open-pollinated cultivar introduced by New Mexico State University. This vibrant, tangerine-orange variety was bred using natural back-crossing techniques, resulting in an extra rich tasting and super eye-catching fruit. Hotter than a standard jalapeño and the hottest of the NuMex peppers. Great for container gardening. 3,000-7,000 SHU
Pasilla Bajio	Brown	80	Pasilla means "little raisin" in Spanish, referred to the color of the dried chilaca pepper. They are popular for sauces like moles, or ground into a powder once dried. 1,000-2,000 SHU.

Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Poblano	Green	75	One of the most popular chilis in Mexico. The fruit is usually of gentle to medium heat and is the classic pepper used for chili relleno after roasting and peeling. When dried, the fruit is a dark red-brown and can be ground into a chili powder. Plants require a long season to ripen fruit. 1,000-1,500 SHU.
Purple Jalapeño	Purple	75	A large jalapeño pepper that turns deep purple before maturing to red. Full jalapeño flavor and heat; great for salsa and other Mexican foods. Plants both productive and ornamental. 2,500-8,000 SHU.
Pumpkin Spice Jalapeño	Orange	65	Bright pumpkin orange NuMex pepper (like Orange Spice Jalapeño but with deeper orange color). Highly ornamental, well adapted to hot weather and has a fruity, sweet flavor. With a Scoville rating of 25,000 it is spicier than a normal jalapeño but not quite as spicy as Orange Spice. Plants grow up to 24" and are great for container gardening. 2,500-8,000 SHU.
Shishito	Green	60	A favorite pepper of the plant sale team. Compact plants are very prolific and yield an abundance of wrinkled fruits 2-3" long. We've grown them in containers for years! Although they do turn red when ripe (~80 days), peppers are usually picked when still green. Roast or grill them whole until blistered (with a little olive oil and salt) and serve as an appetizer. Most are very mild (50-200 Scoville units), but once in a while you might get a spicy one.
TAM Jalapeño	Red	90	A very tasty mild jalapeño type, with the same delicious flavor, developed at Texas A&M University. Green fruits fully ripen to red. 1,000-1,500 SHU.

MEDIUM PEPPERS (10,000 – 30,000 SCOVILLE HEAT UNITS)

Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Aurora	Multi	60	Stunning 1½" long medium hot fruits borne upright on foot-high ornamental plants, perfect for container growing. Fruits ripen from lavender to deep purple to orange and finally to red. 14,000+ SHU

Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Bottle Rocket	Red	90	Hungarian pepper with a small fruit size and heat more like a Thai red chili. Selected by Johnny's Seeds for upright growth, early maturity and uniform sized peppers. Earlier maturing than typical Thai peppers, especially in cooler summers. 10,000- 20,000 SHU
Hinkelhatz	Red	85	Hot spicy Pennsylvania Dutch heirloom pepper, ideal pepper for pickling or as an addition to hot sauces. The 2 to 2 ½ feet tall bushes produce a super-abundance of 1 ¼ inch pods shaped like chicken hearts (Hinkelhatz in Pennsylvania Dutch) and about the same size. 5,000-30,000 SHU.
Lemon Drop	Yellow	90	Peruvian seasoning pepper. Bright yellow, conical, crinkly fruits are ½" wide by 2½" long, very few seeds, 15 or less per pepper. Intensely hot, citrus flavor. 15,000-30,000 SHU.
Serrano Tampequino	Red	78	There is a reason you see so many recipes for Mexican or hot food using Serrano Tampiqueño peppers; they have a distinctive hot flavor excellent for many dishes. Plants are big — 2' to 3' wide and tall and will be dripping with hot peppers. 10,000-23,000 SHU.

HOT PEPPERS (30,000 – 100,000 SCOVILLE HEAT UNITS)

Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Aji Charapita	Yellow	100+	Also known as the Wild Peruvian chili pepper, Aji Charapita is a tiny paper (0.25") with serious heat. A <i>Capsicum chinense</i> cultivar that has a typical floral, fruity flavor and the small size makes it easy to add a little bit of heat into recipes. Can be grown in containers and indoors to extend the season. 30,000-50,000 SHU.
Sugar Rush Peach	Orange	80	A sumptuous snacking pepper, Sugar Rush Peach is by far the most fun pepper to eat. The long, peach-colored fruit is packed with loads of super sweet, tropical flavor, and the seeds bring a smoky, complex heat that when used together, creates a wild flavor experience unparalleled in other peppers. Chris Fowler of Wales (breeder) credits the variety as an accident courtesy of adventurous insect pollinators crossing different <i>C. baccatum</i> pepper varieties. 50,000-100,000 SHU.
Thai Red	Red	90	The hot heirloom chili from Thailand, these peppers are used in almost every dish to provide pungent heat. Small, pointed fruits are easy to dry and bright red in color. Ornamental plants are loaded with fruit. 50,000-100,000 SHU.

SUPER-HOT PEPPERS (100,000+ SCOVILLE HEAT UNITS)

Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Fatalii	Orange	90	From the Central African Republic. Sizzling hot habanero-type peppers with delicious citrus flavor and few seeds. Three inch long golden-orange fruits. 125,000-400,000 SHU.
Ghost Pepper (Bhut Jolokia)	Red	100	This paper from Northeast India is a hybrid of <i>Capsicum chinense</i> and <i>Capsicum frutescens</i> , and was certified as the world's hottest pepper from 2007 to 2011. Needs a long growing time, but we start ours nice and early. The extremely spicy peppers ripen mostly red, although the color can be variable. The fruit is thin-walled, wrinkled and pointed and frequently used to heat up curries, pickles and chutneys. 855,000-1,001,304 SHU.
Habanero	Orange	95	Habanero means "from Havana" where the peppers were traded heavily. Habanero and its kin long ago migrated from the Caribbean Islands to Central America where they remain extremely popular today. A close relative of the Jamaican Scotch Bonnet. To complement its searing heat, Habanero has a delicious, pungent, smoky quality unlike any other pepper; many people find its flavor and aroma irresistible in sauces and salsas. This is the original variety that ripens to an orange-red. 100,000-350,000 SHU.
Hot Paper Lantern	Red	80	Not for the faint hearted! This fiery pepper is more productive than other Habanero peppers with fruits ripening up to 2 weeks earlier. Each fiery, 5-7cm long chili transforms from mid green, through orange to a bright rosy red at maturity, with an atomic average Scoville rating of 250,000 (150,000 – 400,000). Perfect for hot sauces, salsas and soups with a kick!
Maya Red Habanero	Red	90	Produces 3-4" long red, glossy lantern shaped peppers that are longer and more slender than a typical habanero. Early maturity and produce well in cooler northern climates. Sweet and fruity tones with an habanero heat. 200,000-300,000 SHU.
Orange Scotch Bonnet	Orange	100	A very hot <i>Capsicum chinense</i> cultivar that originates from Jamaica. Small, 2" peppers are shaped like miniature bonnets with smoky and fruity flavors. A typical component of "jerk" seasonings when dried and ground. 100,000-350,000 SHU.
Trinidad Scorpion	Red	100	A <i>Capsicum chinense</i> cultivar that is indigenous to Trinidad and Tobago. From 2012 to 2017 this was certified as the world's hottest pepper. The heat builds over time, over a base fruit-like flavor. The fruits are wrinkled with a pointed tip at the end, - the resemblance of the tip to a scorpion stinger as well as their heat gave them their name. 1,200,000-2,000,000 SHU.

LARGE & GIANT TOMATOES

Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Amana Orange	Orange	90	Huge heirloom beefsteak tomato named for the Amana Colonies in Iowa. These organic tomato seeds produce big, regular leaf plants that produce above average amounts of beautiful light-orange, irregular shaped (fluted) heirloom tomatoes that can grow to 2 pounds or more, with an average diameter of 5 inches. Excellent sweet, almost tropical fruit flavors. Indeterminate.
Aunt Ruby's German Green	Green	80	Family heirloom from Ruby Arnold of Greeneville, Tennessee. Introduced to SSE in 1993 by Bill Minkey of Darien, Wisconsin. Large beefsteak fruits weigh one pound or more. Sweet juicy flesh with a hint of spiciness. Ready to harvest when soft to the touch and yellow-green in color. Some resistance to late blight. Indeterminate.
Berkeley Pink Tie Dye	Multi	70	Plants produce beautiful 8-12 oz fruits with a sweet heirloom tomato flavor. Fruits have a "tie dye" appearance of dark pink streaked with green. Inside, the flesh is pink with yellow streaks. Plants are relatively compact. Indeterminate.
Black Krim	Purple	70	Beefsteak fruits are a unique combination of violet, brown and purple-red—they turn almost black with sufficient sunlight and heat. Excellent full flavor. Some resistance to late blight. Indeterminate.
Black Pineapple (Ananas Noire)	Multi	80	A most exciting new tomato, it is wonderful in every way. This unusual variety was developed by Pascal Moreau, a horticulturist from Belgium. The multi-colored, smooth fruit (green, yellow and purple mix) weighs about 1½ lbs. The flesh is bright green with deep red streaks. Everyone loves its superb flavor that is outstanding, being both sweet and smoky with a hint of citrus. Indeterminate.
Brandywine	Pink	90	Not the original, but the most commonly available of the brandywines. Large potato leaf vines produce large pink beefsteak fruits up to 2 pounds. Incredibly rich, delightfully intense tomato flavor. Indeterminate.
Brandywine, Red	Red	80	The original Brandywine introduced by Johnson and Stokes in 1889 from seeds they received from a customer in Ohio. Named after Brandywine Creek in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Large vines produce deep red 8-12 ounce fruits. Excellent flavor. Very productive. Indeterminate.
Carbon	Purple	90	Winner of the 2005 "Heirloom Garden Show" best tasting tomato award. The fruit are smooth, large, and beautiful, being one of the darkest and prettiest of the purple types we have seen. They seem to have an extra dose of the complex flavor that makes dark tomatoes famous. Indeterminate.

Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Giant Oxheart	Red	90	This well-named giant produces large, pink, 12 oz. to 2 lb., firm, meaty, heart shaped fruits with thick walls, few seeds and a mild flavor. The vigorous vines produce high yields of fruits that mature late but are well worth the wait! Indeterminate.
Kellogg's Breakfast	Orange	85	A very productive orange beefsteak heirloom tomato. Organic Orange fruits grow to 1-2 pounds Rich flavor with good acid to sugar balance Fruit ripens throughout the season. Indeterminate.
Marmande	Red	68	The Marmande is a medium-large sized beefsteak tomato that is lightly ribbed with a flattened globe shape. The flesh is juicy and meaty with minimal seeds, and it offers a savory tomato flavor with subtle tartness, as well as a hint of sweetness. The Marmande is an early-ripening variety, and the strong, semi-determinate bushy tomato plants grow upright and often need support as they produce clusters of the large scarlet-red fruits, each weighing six to eight ounces.
Mortgage Lifter	Red	75	Another famous Heirloom, said to have paid off the mortgage on the farm. Exceptionally meaty and typically crack-free. Great old-fashioned tomato flavor. Indeterminate.
Old German	Multi	75	Perfect for making white tomato sauces. Routinely weighing in at over a pound and a half, delicious and beautiful with succulent, meaty fruit and golden streaked, reddish skin. Indeterminate.
Prudens Purple	Purple	75	Often favorably compared with the illustrious Brandywine, the gold standard of heirloom tomatoes. With dark pinkish-purple skin, this widely adapted heirloom produces large, slightly flattened 1 lb. fruits with firm, meaty, crimson flesh and few seeds. Moderate resistance to late blight. Indeterminate potato-leaf plants.
Wisconsin 55	Red	80	Superb tomato developed at the University of Wisconsin. Large deep red fruits resist shoulder cracks and blossom end rot, ripen evenly and have strong skin and solid flesh. Vigorous plants are tolerant to defoliation diseases, Early Blight and Leaf Spot. For top performance fertilize regularly. Slightly smaller and redder fruits compared to Wisconsin Chief. Semi-determinate plants.
Wisconsin Chief	Red	80	All-purpose tomato developed by the University of Wisconsin, award-winning for canning, processing and slicing. The fruit is a good bit larger than Wisconsin 55 and a bit less red. Semi-determinate plants.

MEDIUM TOMATOES

Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Japanese Black Trifele	Purple	74	In Russia the Trifele varieties of tomatoes (of which there are several colors) are highly prized and command big prices. This short potato leaf plant yields prolific quantities of 6 oz. fruit that looks like a beautiful mahogany-colored Bartlett pear with greenish shoulders. Very tasty flesh with a meaty core that produces luscious fruit all summer long. A work of art sliced out on a plate and a wonderful flavor that possesses extraordinary rich and complex flavors. The Black Trifele is one of the blackest varieties available and is resistant to cracking. Indeterminate.
Longkeeper	Red	70	Longkeeper is a must for winter storage. Staying fresh for 6-12 weeks or more, it provides fruits for fresh use during the fall and into the winter. The skin of these fruits is a golden orange-red when ripe. Use blemished or cracked fruits right away. Store fruits at 65-68 F, making sure that none touch each other. Semi-determinate
Moonglow	Orange	80	Uniform bright orange globes with solid flesh, few seeds, and mild sweetness. Excellent keeper. Indeterminate.
Nepal	Red	78	The regular leaf plants of 'Nepal' produce wonderfully flavored, globe to flattened-globe shaped, ten to twelve ounce, red colored fruit. It is quite productive and a good choice as a main crop, canning or processing tomato. Indeterminate.
Nyagous	Black	80	A prolific, rare, Russian tomato variety. Beautiful, smooth, round, "black" tomatoes that are dark mahogany with dark grey-green shoulders. Nyagous is a wonderfully firm and blemish-free, 6 oz. tomato with lots of sweet, complex fruit flavors and a clean acidic finish. Up to 6 fruits to a cluster.
Valencia	Orange	76	Valencia is an Indiana heirloom which bears large orange fruit weighing 8-10 oz. The fruit is firm with few seeds and has a great old-time tomato flavor. The plant is vigorous and requires staking. Indeterminate.

EARLY TOMATOES

Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Alaskan Fancy	Red	55	Excellent for those short-season summers, these are the earliest plum tomatoes available in today's market! Pear-shaped, bright red plums produce abundant yields to satisfy your salad and canning needs for the season. Its earliness does not detract one bit from its juicy flavor! Fruits are 2" x 1-1/2" and weigh about 2 oz. each. Semi-determinate.
Bush Beefsteak	Red	55	A wonderful, compact and prolific, short bushy plant that grows to 3 feet, yields huge amounts of very early producing 8 oz. beefsteak tomatoes in clusters. A very popular variety for shorter growing regions. Determinate.
Glacier	Red	55	Loads of round, 2-3-inch, red to slightly orange fruit are produced on compact, potato-leafed plants to 3 feet tall. Use in salads or in colorful tomato salads! Excellent flavor for an early-season type. Reliable in cooler-season climates, setting fruit all summer long. Semi-determinate.
Manitoba	Red	58	This slicer was developed in Manitoba, Canada, to ripen during the short summers of the Manitoba prairie. A vigorous determinate variety, it bears heavy yields of 3-4 inch crimson red fruit with a refreshing, tangy tomato taste. Great for slicing or for canning. One of the more productive early heirlooms.
Moskvich	Red	60	One of the most appealing extra-early tomatoes. Indeterminate. Fruits are early, deep red, and cold tolerant. Rich flavor. Smooth and globe-shaped. 4-6 oz. with a small stem scar.
Siberia	Red	50	The productive 'Siberia' tomato plants produce very early in the season due to its ability to set fruit in cool temperatures where other varieties will not. Reportedly, it is capable of setting fruit down to 38°F, however, 'Siberia', like any other tomato, is not actually frost hardy. They are bright red, globe shaped, and weigh up to five ounces each. Not to be confused with similarly named variety 'Siberian'. Determinate.

COMPACT, DWARF AND MINI CONTAINER TOMATOES

Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Arctic Rose	Pink	60	A selection from the Victory Seeds Dwarf Tomato Project. Compact plant with stout stems reaching ~3 ft tall. Fruits are round, medium sized (3-8 oz) and ripen to a pink color. Originally a cross between 'Bundai Torpe' and 'Black from Tula'. Selection work was performed in Alaska, making this a great plant in northern climates.
Black Sea Man	Multi	75	A hardy Russian heirloom with unusual color and great taste. Medium-sized (4-8oz), brown-pink fruits with olive green shading and marbled flesh. Plants have potato-leaf foliage and are suitable for growing in containers due to their short stature. Determinate.
Eagle Smiley	Yellow	60	A selection from the Victory Seeds Dwarf Tomato Project. Compact plants loaded with 1 oz. bright golden fruit in clusters of 8-10 tomatoes. A cross between dwarf Summertime Green and indeterminate Mexico Midget.
Geranium Kiss	Red	65	Stocky, dwarf plants stay 24-30" high and produce golf-ball sized bright red fruits with slightly pointed ends. Tomatoes are in clusters of 10 or more and weight about 1 oz. Tolerance to early blight and Septoria. Great for growing in pots. Dwarf-determinate.
Micro Tom	Red	50	One of the world's smallest tomato plants (6-8" tall). Despite its small size, plants bear loads of 1 oz fruits. Ideal for bright windowsills, patios, etc. Resistant to leaf mold. Dwarf-determinate.
Minibel	Red	65	Bite-sized fruits are sweet and flavorsome. Tiny ornamental plants reach only to about a foot in height and require no support. Covered in tasty little tomatoes. Excellent choice for containers, pots or hanging baskets; pretty enough for the patio or deck. So cute! Determinate
New Big Dwarf	Pink	90	Large, deep pink, delicious fruits weigh up to 1 pound each with most weighing 8 to 12 ounces. This heirloom dates back to the early 1900's and is a cross of Ponderosa and Dwarf Champion. Compact, 2 to 4 foot tall, plants with rugose leaves, are perfect for containers and patios. High yielding. Determinate.
Orange Hat	Orange	65	Extra dwarf bush plants reach just 6-9 inches in height but the plants are wildly prolific, offering oodles of tiny orange orbs that burst with fruity sweet flavor. This is the perfect indoor or patio tomato, comfortably fitting in a 6-inch pot (but it will be more dense in a larger pot!). Try these colorful and compact plants as an edible ornamental, mass planted in beds or borders or in mixed containers. Dwarf determinate.

Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Silvery Fir Tree	Red	70	Old Russian variety introduced to the United States in 1990s. Compact plants with unusual, delicate, lacy carrot-like leaves. Produces medium sized, slightly flattened fruits (4-8oz) with red color and great flavor. Does well in hanging baskets or containers as it is very decorative! Determinate.
Tasmanian Chocolate	Brown	85	Small plants suitable for large pots or small spaces in the garden. Fruits are medium size (4-6oz) and a dark red/brown mahogany color. Originated as a cross between New Big Dwarf and Paul Robeson as part of the Dwarf Tomato Project, has been stable for more than 9 generations. Determinate.

CHERRY & SMALL TOMATOES

Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Atomic Grape	Multi	75	Elongated, large cherries in clusters. The color (and flavor!) is a full-blown assault on the senses—lavender and purple stripes, turning to technicolor olive-green, red, and brown/blue stripes when fully ripe. Really wild! Olive green interior is blushed with red when dead-ripe. Crack-resistant fruit is extraordinarily sweet! Wispy foliage looks delicate but belies these plants' rugged constitution and high productivity. This release from Wild Boar Farms won best in show at the 2017 National Heirloom Expo! These range some in size from a large grape to plum-sized. AMAZING!
Blush	Orange	70	An elongated, plump, bullet-shaped cherry that is large enough to slice, yet still small enough for snacking out of hand. Radiant golden fruit are drizzled with ruby streaks. Indeterminate.
Champagne Bubbles	Orange	80	Also known as White Currant. Has a very vigorous growth habit that requires trellising. Produces very abundant fruit sets of small (3/4-1") round pale yellow fruits the color of Champagne. Flavor is very sweet and amazes all who try it.
Crazy Cherry	Yellow	75	Pale yellow cherries are delicious, and grow on some of the largest clusters known! Sweet fruits are oval, each with a tiny "beak" at the blossom end. Flavor is good, the fruits keep well, and the sight of the 40- to 60-fruit trusses on the large plants is positively mind-boggling. A stunning new Wild Boar Farms release. Indeterminate.

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Cream Sausage	Yellow	80	Cream Sausage tomatoes are long and cylindrical, typically harvested at around three inches, with ivory-yellow outer skin. Their meaty inner flesh is very juicy, offering a sweet tomato flavor that is slightly acidic and tangy. Bushy, three-foot high plant bears tomatoes in groups of about six. Great for salsa and salads. Determinate.
Currant Gold Rush	Yellow	75	A different species than other tomatoes. This <i>Solanum pimpinellifolium</i> variety produces literally thousands of flavorful, pea-sized golden fruit for month after month, that do not drop. Loved by children and adults alike. Good resistance to late blight. Indeterminate.
Galina Yellow	Yellow	75	Galina has potato leaf plants that bear large clusters of one-inch, yellow colored, cherry tomatoes that have a very sweet, tasty, well-balanced but complex flavor. Originating in Siberia, 'Galina' was one of many varieties brought back from a 1989 trip to the Soviet Union and introduced commercially by High Altitude Gardens in 1991. Indeterminate.
German Lunchbox	Pink	70	The German Lunchbox tomato made its way to the United States via the hands of a German family that immigrated to the states. Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds managed to purchase some of the seeds from this German family and released seeds on a commercial level in 2006. It's been a favorite among tomato-lovers ever since. Fruits a vibrant pink, sugar sweet and are the size of a small egg. Indeterminate.
Green Zebra	Green	75	Beautiful chartreuse fruits 3-4 oz in size with deep lime-green stripes, very attractive. Flesh is bright green and very rich tasting, sweet with a sharp bite to it. Indeterminate.
Indigo Cherry Drops	Red/Blue	70	Striking, dark blue and rosy red anthocyanin coloration and red flesh with an improved, vigorous habit in this open-pollinated Indigo variety. Large clusters of 1-2 oz. fruit. Indeterminate.
Indigo Dancing with Smurfs	Red/Blue	85	An unusual blue, 1 to 1 1/2" cherry tomato with attractive red flesh. Fruits grow in clusters, are mature when they are red with dark purple blushing, have a nice flavor and are excellent keepers. A standout Indigo variety in Wisconsin trials. High Yielding. Exhibits some tolerance to Late Blight. Indeterminate.
Isis Candy	Multi	70	Delightful, round, one-inch fruits may vary in shades and blush patterns of reds to yellows, usually with golden flesh. Typically carry an intriguing star in yellow on the blossom end. The flavor is outstandingly sweet and fruity. Kids adore them. Indeterminate.

Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Matt's Wild	Red	60	These small cherry tomatoes are deep-red, tender, smooth, and full-flavored with a high sugar content. Though the flavor is superior, it doesn't yield as well as modern varieties, and the fruits are soft. Fantastic in salsa and for fresh eating. Some resistance to early blight and late blight. Indeterminate.
Mexico Midget	Red	60	Hundreds of dark red cherry tomatoes on each plant. Huge tomato flavor for such small fruits. Great for salads or selling in pints. Plants produce throughout the entire growing season. Indeterminate.
Sunrise Bumblebee	Yellow	70	Gorgeous combination of yellows and reds, inside and out. Excellent sweet and tangy flavor. Adds a nice pop of color to any mix, but also stands alone as a premium-quality cherry for snacking and salads. Part of the Artisan series bred for high vigor. Indeterminate.
Red Pearl	Red	58	Tall, regular leaf plant produces good yields of 15-20 gm, red, grape-shaped cherry tomatoes have good flavor and a meaty texture. Nearly seedless. Resists cracking and stores well on and off the vine. Late blight moderate resistance. Indeterminate.
Tommy Toe	Red	70	(Also known as Steakhouse) Vigorous plants produce hundreds of small, 1-inch cherries, unfazed by heat and humidity. The flavor is very good, not exactly sweet but with an old-fashioned, full, complex flavor. Originated in the Ozarks around 1900, but also exceedingly popular in Australia—two ostensibly English-speaking regions where puns, apparently, are popular as well. Resistant to early blight. Indeterminate.
Washington Cherry	Red	60	High-yielding, compact plants. Globe-shaped (no ovals!), 20-25 gm. fruits have a deep red color; thick-walled, meaty, and flavorful, with good keeping quality on or off the vine. Widely adapted. Determinate.

PASTE TOMATOES

Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Amish Paste	Red	85	Bright red 8-12 ounce fruits vary in shape from oxheart to rounded plum.
Chili Verde	Green	85	Unique to the world of paste tomatoes - this green variety is a must-have for the home gardener! Developed by Tom Wagner who also bred the popular Green Zebra. Pepper shaped fruits, with very few seeds, ripen to green with gold blush and have a good strong flavor. Perfect for canning or making a truly green ketchup. Vigorous plants produce excellent yields. Indeterminate.
Heinz 1439	Red	70	Plant produces good yields of 6 oz red tomatoes. For making ketchup, puree, and sauces. Crack resistant. Resistant to some late blight genotypes. Determinate.
Jersey Giant	Red	85	An excellent and famed paste tomato. Sprawling, indeterminate, regular leaf plants produce copious amounts of 4" - 6", bright red, pointed tomatoes that are meaty with few seeds and lots of great sweet flavor. Looks similar to the Jersey Devil. A very good sauce tomato.
Martino's Roma	Red	75	Italian heirloom with pretty rugose (puckered) foliage. Very heavy set of mild 2-3 ounce fruits perfectly suited for making sauce, salsa, and paste.
Rio Grande	Red	75	Determinate. Rio Grande tomato produces high yields of large red pear-shaped tomatoes. They are thick and meaty, with a flavor that is mildly sweet with a little of that old fashioned tart tomato flavor. One of the best paste tomatoes to grow in hot climates and will withstand extremes in temperature, both hot and cold.
Rosso Sicilian	Red	75	Determinate. Deeply ribbed, intensely red fruit reaches up to 5 ounces. Firm, solid flesh and somewhat hollow seed cavity make this a star for stuffing or paste, but the ribbing also gives slices a scalloped appearance which is lovely on a plate.
Saucey	Red	75	Plant produces heavy yields of red plum shaped tomatoes. This variety has the real tomato favor that makes excellent sauces and salsas. The tomatoes can be easily shaken from the plants when mature. Determinate.
Sheboygan	Red	80	Grown since the early 1900s by Lithuanian immigrants in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Pink paste type 4-6 ounce fruits. Great for canning. Indeterminate.
Speckled Roman	Orange	85	Gorgeous 5" long fruits with jagged orange and yellow stripes. Meaty flesh with few seeds. Great tomato taste, ideal for processing and fresh eating. Very productive. Indeterminate.

EGGPLANTS

Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Black Beauty	Purple	74	Large bell-shaped fruits range from 1-3 lbs and have a slight signature ribbing. Medium to thick skin is deep purple, and glossy when mature.
Lao Green Stripe	Green	90	A heirloom originally from Laos with cream skin and green stipes and shoulders. The small round fruit grows about 2-4 inches in diameter and are best picked when small. Great eggplant flavor and excellent in curries, soups, pickles, and for grilling.
Ping Tung Long	Purple	65	Beautiful heirloom from Pingtung, Taiwan. Slender fruits up to 12" long with shiny dark lavender skin. Hardy, vigorous, disease resistant plants.
Rosa Bianca	Pink	80	A simply elegant eggplant from Sicily. Light pink-lavender fruit has soft white shading and a gently scalloped form. Mild flesh is very popular with chefs and gardeners alike! No bitterness.
Thai Lavender Frog Egg	Purple	80	A delicious and tiny heirloom that will become a new favorite! The fruit is a marvelous lavender color and just 1 inch across. The fruit can be used whole. Try it tossed into stir fries, amazing in curry and soups, or cooked on a skewer for a perfect bite-sized treat. Jere Gettle found this gorgeous edible ornamental on a trip to Thailand. Productive plants yield lots of flavorful fruit.

CUCUMBERS

Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
A&C Pickling	Green	50	Also known as Ace. Uniformly straight 10" fruits hold their dark-green color for a long time. Very productive and a good choice for pickling, as the name suggests. Excellent variety for home or market gardens. Best picked when 4-6" long. Introduced in 1928 by Abbott & Cobb of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
H-19 Little Leaf	Green	57	Blocky, medium-length (3–5") fruits are good for fresh eating. They pickle well and have a distinctive, bright emerald green color. Vines are compact, multibranching, and yield well even under stress. Half normal-sized leaves provide easy visibility and harvesting. White spines. Parthenocarpic. High resistance to anthracnose, angular leaf spot, bacterial wilt, and scab; and intermediate resistance to cucumber mosaic virus and powdery mildew.
Marketmore 97	Green	55	Developed at Cornell University, Marketmore 97 is a great slicing cucumber, and is one of the most disease-resistant varieties we offer. Bitter-free and burpless to boot! With vines up to 6 feet long, this northern cultivar bears loads of 9-11 inch, straight, white-spined cukes. A first-rate addition to anyone's garden.
Mexican Sour Gherkin	Green	75	<i>Melothria scabra</i> . Incredible, small cucumber-like fruit are shaped like baby watermelons. They are good added to salads or can be pickled. They have a cucumber-like taste with a touch of lemon. The ornamental vines have tiny leaves and flowers and are perfect for the cottage garden. Very unique and fun for kids. Huge yields.
Mini White	White	50	Popular yellow-white miniature eating cucumber. Best eaten when fruits are less than 3" long. Mild sweet flavor, no need to peel. Productive vines rarely exceed 3' in length; suitable for container gardening.
Parisian Pickling	Green	50	Also known as Improved Bourbonne, this dark-green cucumber with firm, thick flesh and inconspicuous seeds is suitable for pickling or slicing. An historic French variety used in the late 1800s to manufacture gherkins (cornichons). Listed in 1892 by James J. H. Gregory of Marblehead, Massachusetts. Can be harvested small for pickling (50 days) or larger for slicing (70 days).
Wautoma	Green	60	A wonderful plant developed by the USDA right here in Wiscosin at UW-Madison in the 1980s. Produces prolific crops of 4-5 inch pickling cucumbers. Quick to set fruit and bitter free. Four to five foot plants are highly resistant to most cucumber diseases and heat-tolerant.

Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Suyo Long	Green	60	Suyo Long is a traditional variety from China that offers an abundance of delicious, burpless, crispy cucumbers. Growing to 16" long on vigorous vines, the sweet ribbed fruits can be picked at any stage, from very young to fully mature. Perfect for eating fresh or for pickling. Grow it on a trellis for straighter fruits.
White Wonder	White	60	Ivory cucumbers grow in abundance on short vining plants. When fully mature these cucumbers can be slightly bitter, so harvesting younger is better. This heirloom cucumber was first introduced in 1893 by W. Atlee Burpee of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania who obtained the seeds from a customer in western New York. It is also known as "Long White" and "Albino" cucumber.

MELONS AND SQUASH

Specific Type	Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Melon	Eden's Gem	Green	70	Early maturing variety developed in 1905 at Rocky Ford, Colorado as a "crate melon." Amy Goldman, author of Melons for the Passionate Grower, claims this is one of her all-time favorites and "may cause drooling." Softball-sized netted fruits with green flesh weigh in at about 1 pound. Complex spicy flavor.
Melon	Minnesota Midget	Orange	60	Extra-early variety bred by the University of Minnesota at St. Paul in 1948; introduced by Farmer Seed and Nursery Company. Capable of producing two crops—an excellent choice for northern gardeners. Vines seldom over 3' long; suitable for growing in containers. Round 4" fruits have thick golden-yellow flesh that is edible to the rind and deliciously sweet. Resistant to fusarium wilt.
Melon	Moon & Stars	Red	100	A spectacular watermelon, with fine flavor, introduced by the Henderson seed company in 1926. The skin is deep green, speckled with hundreds of golden yellow stars and a few half-dollar sized moons. Even the foliage has yellow "stars". The fruit is red. Melons are medium sized 25 lb. and slightly oblong.
Melon	Pride of Wisconsin	Orange	90	A fabulous Midwest heirloom introduced in 1937 by the Robert Buist Company. Heavy yields of football-shaped 4-8 pound muskmelons. Hardshelled with firm sweet flesh. Great old-fashioned flavor associated with roadside stand melons. If you can only grow one melon and do not want to be disappointed, this is the variety to grow

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Pumpkin	Jarrahdale	Gray	100	Medium to large, avg. 12–18 lb., drum-shaped fruit with heavy, rounded ribs and slate-gray skin. Sweet, thick, orange flesh. Long storage. An attractive squash for fall displays and great eating, too.
Pumpkin	Musquee de Provence	Orange	125	A mainstay pumpkin in southern France. Ribbed, flat, tan orange fruits, avg. 15–40 lb. Thick, deep orange, moderately sweet flesh. In France cut wedges are sold in supermarkets and farmers' markets for cooking. Decorative. Late maturity. Long storage. Sometimes called Fairytale in the U.S.
Squash	Delicata	Multi	100	Unique appearance with cream skin and dark green longitudinal stripes and flecks. Tastes very sweet and skin is tender enough to eat. Excellent for stuffing and baking, even right at harvest! This beautiful strain has gained a nice following in the specialty produce trade. 7–9" long x 3" diam. Avg. weight: 1 1/2–2 lb. Avg. yield: 5-7 fruits/plant.
Squash	Lady Godiva	Orange	105	The popular naked-seeded pumpkin that produces seeds without the hard shell that develops on most pumpkin seeds. The seeds are ready to eat straight from the fruit, or roasted. The pumpkins themselves are quite attractive with yellow-orange rinds that are striped with green; perfect for decorations.
Squash	Summer Crookneck	Yellow	55	(<i>C. pepo</i>) An American institution, listed in some of our first seed catalogs from the early 1800s. Bush plants produce copious amounts of yellow summer squash with warty rinds that are best harvested and eaten young; at maturity the fruits are very ornamental
Zucchini	Black Beauty	Green	45	(<i>C. pepo</i>) A 1957 All America Selections winner developed by John Scarchuk at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. Compact everbearing bush plants are loaded with glossy green-black fruits with firm white flesh. Best eaten when under 8" long. Excellent variety for freezing.

CRUCIFEROUS VEGETABLES

Specific Type	Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Broccoli	De Cicco	Green	48	An Italian broccoli introduced to the United States in 1890. Compact 2-3' plants produce a 4" central head. After the central head is harvested, a second yield of edible side shoots will develop. It is quite variable in its maturity, which creates an extended harvest time—a quality home gardeners may appreciate.
Broccoli	Rapini	Green	60	A non-heading Italian broccoli great for cooking and salads. Grown for the flavorful shoots and leaves. Quick, growing cool season plant.
Cabbage	Cour di Blue	Green	70	Sweetheart type conical cabbage with ample wrapped leaves of light green and marked veins. An Italian heirloom, it produces small to medium sized, conical heads. This is the sweetest raw cabbage I've tasted. It makes excellent coleslaw and sauteed cabbage. A great short season cabbage for fresh eating.
Cabbage	Early Jersey Wakefield	Green	70	Early-maturing variety great for fresh eating. First grown in the US in 1840 near Jersey City and sold commercially in the late 1860s. Conical, solid heads can reach 15" long by 7" wide and can weigh up to 3-4 lbs.
Cabbage	Hilton Chinese (Napa)	Green	52	Hilton cabbage grows cylindrical heads medium-sized that are densely packed with crinkled, mild-tasting leaves. Hilton lettuce is easy to grow and beginner friendly. One of the most popular cabbages for home-made kimchi or stir-fries.
Cauliflower	Di Sicilia Violetto	Purple	80	Delicious fresh or cooked, this Sicilian cauliflower grows deep purple in the garden but turns green when cooked. The voluminous variety will form side shoots after the main head is cut so be sure to space plants at least 20" apart as it will get quite large throughout the course of the growing season. A stunning addition to vegetable trays, this cauliflower retains its excellent flavor when cooked.
Cauliflower	Romanesco	Green	75	Italian cauliflower with dense, green florets in a fractal form and a refined taste and texture. Grows exceptionally well in cool northern climates.
Cauliflower	Early Snowball	White	60	Smooth 6-7" heads of tightly formed white curds are solid, crisp, and tender. This variety is well-suited to being eaten raw, baked, roasted, or steamed. Can be overwintered for an early crop in warmer regions. Introduced to American gardeners in 1878 by Peter Henderson & Company.
Kohlrabi	Delicatessen White	Green	60	Beautiful, smooth globes are a lovely, light green. They are quite uniform, and the flesh is tender and of high quality. These stay tender even as they mature.

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Kohlrabi	Purple Vienna	Purple	55	Very mild kohlrabi with purplish leaves and globes and a mild turnip-cabbage flavor. Leaves can be eaten like kale and bulbs like broccoli. Sweet white flesh is good cooked or raw. Plants are very cold hardy.

OTHER VEGETABLES & FRUITS

Specific Type	Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Ground Cherry	Aunt Molly's	Yellow	65	Polish heirloom variety has an unusually fine flavor—very sweet with a nice hint of tartness. 1/2-3/4-inch fruit is enclosed in a papery husk which drops to the ground when fully ripe. High pectin content makes this one an excellent choice for pies and preserves.
Celery	Pink Celery	Pink	80	Pink celery is popular in northern China, especially Beijing, where the attractive pink stalks are served in high-end restaurants. This tasty Asian type celery is a great choice for beginner gardeners, as it is much easier to grow than European-type celery. Flavor is much stronger than European celery when raw.
Celery	Cutting Celery	Green	80	Easier to grow than standard celery. A versatile ingredient for salads, soups, stews, and vegetable medleys. Can be marketed in bunches or salad mixes. Also known as leaf celery.
Tomatillo	Amarylla	Yellow	70	A Polish twist on a Mexican staple, bred to thrive in cooler summers and bear fruit earlier. Yellow tomatillos are a key ingredient in many Mexican recipes. It is either sour tasting or sweet tasting depending on its ripeness. When eaten raw it is sour tasting and its flavor is very specific. But when cooked it become sweeter, perfect for jams, jellies and salsa.
Tomatillo	De Milpa	Purple	70	Purple heirloom tomatillo adapted for long storage. In Mexico, these tomatillos grow unattended in family corn fields and are harvested for home use and for selling in town on market day. High dry matter, small to medium-round fruits store fresh for several weeks, handy for fresh salsa. Portions of the fruits blush with purple, especially after harvest.

GREENS

Specific Type	Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Arugula	Apollo	Green	40	This improved Dutch strain of garden arugula (also known as rocket) is noted for its lack of bitterness and its spicy, large, rounded leaves, which are high in vitamin C. This variety can be harvested three to five times per sowing, functioning like a cut-and-come again crop.
Arugula	Wild Rocket	Green	50	The finest selection of wild arugula, restaurant quality. Compared to regular arugula, it is slower growing (50 days), with more deeply lobed leaves and a more pungent taste. Scatter seeds about 1 inch apart. Harvest at any stage but best when baby: 3-4 inches. With a number of varieties originating in Italy, the leaves and flower stalks are used in salads, soups, or as a sautéed side dish.
Celosia	Lagos Spinach	Green	90	This celosia is a heat-tolerant and tasty green popular in African countries, particularly Nigeria and Ghana. They should NOT be consumed raw, but are a popular ingredient in soups and stews. Plants can be pinched back to remain tidy; left unpruned, the plants can reach over 6 feet tall. The tasty, nutritious leaves are high in protein. When cooked, this versatile and rugged leafy green is the perfect addition to your permaculture landscape or any garden needing a heat- and drought-tolerant leafy green for summer.
Chard	Bright Yellow	Yellow	50	All yellow for baby leaf or full-size bunches. Bright yellow stems and leaf veins contrast with deep green, glossy leaves. Long, thick petiole for bunching.
Chard	Fordhook Giant	Green	50	One of the hardiest chards, and very easy to grow. Vigorous, high-yielding and reliable. Introduced in 1934 and a favorite of market and home gardeners. Produces a constant supply of leaves from June until November.
Chard	Peppermint	Pink	60	Vivid pink-on-white striping on the petiole. Glossy, dark green leaves make for a striking contrast with the brilliant white veins. Deep leaf savoy for higher leaf volume. Long, strong petioles and upright habit make for quick and easy harvesting and bunching. Selected for strong disease tolerance and high bolt resistance.
Chard	Rhubarb Red	Red	50	Deep crimson stalks and leaf veins contrast beautifully with dark green heavily crumpled leaves. Ornamental and delicious, excellent in soups and stews.
Collard	Champion	Green	60	Selected from the popular Vates variety for a more compact, slow-bolting plant. Same rich, dark-green color with long, broad, wavy, tender leaves.

Specific Type	Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Endive	Frisee De Meaux	Green	60	Large-headed, triple cut frisée. While endive is sweetest in winter, this is the best frisée we offer for summer production making Frisée de Meaux good for harvest summer through winter. Big, self-blanching hearts are delicious in salad and much more frost tolerant than lettuce. It is always nice to add a light bittersweet crunch to mixed salads. Endives like this one pair very well with hard cheeses and bright vinaigrette dressings, and really shine in the classic Salade Lyonnaise. A French heritage variety from Dominique Guillet of Kokopelli Seed in France. He is famous for saving rare French heritage vegetable varieties and fighting restrictive European Union seed laws.
Greens Mix	Cheap Frills Greens	Green	21	A colorful kaleidoscope of highly textured leaves which provides visual interest and excellent loft. An exceptional combination of textures, flavors, and colors with a higher proportion of both red and green, frilled leaves.
Kale	Dazzling Blue	Green	60	If you love dinosaur kale, this one's for you! This cold hardy 'Lacinato' type is a vigorous producer of gorgeous large blue-green leaves with distinct purple-pink veins in the middle. Classic Lacinato flavor and tenderness make it ideal for fresh kale salads and for smoothies. 'Dazzling Blue' was bred by Hank Keogh of Avoca Seed in Oregon.
Kale	Lacinato	Green	60	Also known as "dinosaur kale" or Tuscan kale. Dark blue-green to black leaves are striking in the garden and have a heavily crinkled texture. Flattened leaves are good for kale "chips" or can be steamed, sauteed or toasted. A classic fall flavor that goes well with garlic, peppers, chickpeas, sausage, squash and apples. Cold-hearty and leaves are often even sweetened after frost.
Kale	Marrowstem	Green	60	Fearing Burr made sure to note this tall kale in his landmark 1863 book, Field and Garden Vegetables of America. Its edible stalk reaches up to 30" tall and is cloaked in an abundance of leaves which can be eaten raw or cooked and are especially tender when young.
Kale	Red Russian	Purple	60	Stems are purple; leaves are flat, toothed, and dark green with purple veins. The plants mature medium-tall and leaves are tender compared to other kales. For salads and light cooking.
Kale	Scarlet	Purple	55	The broad, frilly, purple leaves grow on 2-3' tall, upright stalks. Red color on a blue-green background, as compared to the red color on a bright green background of Redbor. Scarlet plant height is not quite as uniform as Redbor. Great for baby leaf and bunching.

Specific Type	Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Lettuce Mix	Allstar	Multi	28	A specially designed blend based on two years of trial research to make your salad mix stand out from the crowd (Johnny's Seeds). Selected varieties yield darker reds and greens even under low-light conditions. Ruffled edges and unique leaf shapes provide loft, interesting texture, good shelf life, and fancy appearance. Includes green oakleaf, red oakleaf, green romaine, red romaine, lollo rossa, and red leaf lettuces.
Lettuce Mix	Wildfire	Multi	28	Lettuce blend from Johnny's Seeds with a high percentage of red leaves for great color contrast. Includes green oakleaf, red oakleaf, green romaine, red romaine and red leaf lettuces.
Malabar	Malabar Spinach	Green	60	Easily the most beautiful vining edible green you can grow! Red Malabar spinach is a splendid edible ornamental, and it is extremely heat tolerant, providing gobs of nutritious greens while others have succumbed to the heat. This beautiful plant is not a true spinach but a different species (<i>Basella rubra</i>). This heat loving Asian vine has lovely red stems and delicious, succulent leaves that are great in salads, stir-fries and perfect for smoothies. The vines produce tons of deep purple berries. The flavor is fairly bland, however the color is an extraordinary purple. Super high in anthocyanin, excellent as a natural dye for fabrics and foods. A delicious green that can be grown as an annual in many areas or as a perennial in sub-tropical areas. Not frost hardy.
Pak Choi	Shanghai Green	Green	40	This popular pak choi matures early and has thick, dark-green leaves and light-green petioles shaped like an hourglass. This variety has excellent heat tolerance and adapts well to most areas provided temperatures stay between 50-80°F. Chefs and home cooks alike tout its tender leaves and excellent flavor.

BASIL

Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Cinnamon	Green	65	Tall, fast-growing plants with distinctive violet stems, veining and flower bracts. Lavender blooms and 2" long leaves. Sweet cinnamon aroma.
Dark Opal Purple	Purple	74	Beautiful purple basil with lilac flowers and dark red stems. Very uniform, all purple Italian strain that is a nice contrast to green basil.
Genovese Compact	Green	74	Classic Italian pesto basil. Authentic flavor and appearance. Tall and relatively slow to bolt with large dark-green leaves about 3" long. Ht. 24-30".

Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Holy Basil	Green	74	<i>Ocimum tenuiflorum</i> . Widely used in herbal teas and in Thai cuisine. Also called tulsi or kaphrao.
Lime	Green	74	<i>Ocimum americanum</i> . Zesty citrus aroma. Edible flowers. Adds a unique flair to cocktails, fish, and salads. Compact plant has 2" long bright-green leaves. Ht. 16-20".
Newton	Green	74	Consistently produces a classic basil flavor (without the strong notes of anise typically found in basil of this type). Uniform plants. Leaves up to 4" long. Intermediate resistance to Fusarium wilt.
Sweet Thai	Green	74	Authentic Thai basil flavor. Try it as a flavorful garnish for sweet dishes. Green, 2" long leaves have a spicy, anise-clove flavor. Attractive purple stems and blooms. Called "Horapha" in its mother country, "Hun Que" in Vietnam. Ht. 16-20".
Tuscany	Green	74	Very large 3-5" long, ruffled and puckered bright-green leaves. Mild basil flavor with hints of anise. Upright habit. Has shown better-than-average downy mildew tolerance in field trials by Johnny's selected seeds.

HERBS

Specific Type	Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Borage	Borage	Blue	50	Edible flower with mild cucumber flavor. Large plants bear hundreds of small edible flowers, mostly blue and some pink. Long harvest period. Borage flowers attract bees and butterflies.
Chamomile	German	White	60	<i>Matricaria chamomilla</i> . Small, sweet-smelling daisy-like flowers that are edible and can be used in tea. A highly favored and much used medicinal plant in folk and traditional medicine.
Chervil	Vertissimo	Green	60	Brussels Winter type with dark green leaves. Slow-bolting, vigorous plants. Mild, sweet anise flavor. Popular for salads, microgreens, and garnishing.
Chives	Polyvert	Green	75	Medium-size leaf, highly uniform. Vigorous growth. Enhances any dish, potatoes and salads. Beautiful edible bright pink flowers. Easiest green onion flavor to grow in your garden. It's a perennial so will come back year after year.

Specific Type	Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Cilantro	Dwarf Lemon	Green	50	A subtle citrus flavor adds a welcome twist to this ancient herb. We love to use the bright lemony leaves in Asian inspired cuisine, but there is no limit to the culinary potential. Compact plants are just as easy to grow as traditional coriander, this variety will perform well in the garden or as a pot herb.
Cilantro	Slo-Bolt	Green	50	The Slo-Bolt Cilantro is an easy to grow variety that has a great flavor! This variety gets its name for being slow to bolt; bolting means that the plant starts to produce the seed, rather than growing more leaves. This cilantro is a pungent member of the carrot family that is a favored ingredient for Asian and Latin American cuisine, including salsa and other Mexican dishes. Mature, spicy dried seeds – coriander – are a staple of Indian cooking.
Culantro	Culantro	Green	50	<i>Eryngium foetidum</i> . Native to Mexico, Central and South America. Culantro produces long, green, sawtooth-edged leaves that smell and taste strongly like cilantro. Grown as an annual in cool climates. Widely used in seasoning, marinades and garnishes in the Caribbean (particularly Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Trinidad and Tobago) as well as Central and South America. Dries well, unlike cilantro, and retains color and flavor.
Dill	Bouquet	Yellow	40	Most widely grown variety. Early flowering plants produce large blooms, seed umbels, and foliage on long stems, making Bouquet the preferred dill for cut flower use and pickling. Also an economical, fast-growing choice for baby-leaf production. Edible seeds, flowers, and greens flavor many foods. Popular addition to sauces, salads, and soup. Foliage known as dill weed.
Fennel	Bronze (leaf)	Green	50	Fennel grown for leaves only, does not produce large bulbs. Vigorous and uniform strain is slow to bolt and has leaves with a gorgeous reddish-bronze color. Excellent addition to salads, coleslaws and dressings.
Fennel	Florence (bulb)	Green	60	Called finnocchio in Italy, this fennel variety has broad overlapping leaves that form a large, edible, bulb-like base below its celery-like stalks. The bulb and stalks, as well as the feathery, dill-like leaves that top this 3' tall plant, have a mild licorice or anise flavor.
Herb	English Lavender	Purple	100	(<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>) This essential herb bears fragrant grey-green, needlelike foliage and spikes of violet-blue flowers. Also known as True lavender, this Mediterranean native is highly valued for cutting and drying, as well as the aromatic fragrance and essential oils it produces. Plants grow 12-20" tall. Perennial in zones 5-9.
Herb	Greek Oregano	Green		<i>Origanum heracleoticum</i> . This species, commonly known as Greek oregano, is thought to have a cleaner and sharper taste than true oregano. An essential garden herb with a pungent flavor, this perennial bears light green, pointed, oval leaves that are slightly wavy at the edges. Perennial in zones 4-9.

Specific Type	Variety Name	Color	Maturity Time (days)	Description
Herb	Green Culinary Sage	Green		<i>Salvia officinalis</i> . Classic culinary herb for flavoring meat, cheese, and bean dishes. Good for laying on the grill and flavoring meat with its smoke. Attractive grey-green shrubby plant with beautiful mauve flowers. Perennial in zones 5-10.
Herb	Lemon Balm	Green	70	Fresh leaves for tea and salads. During the summer, small white flowers full of nectar appear which attract bees. Easy to grow. Perennial. Mulch if winter goes below 0°F. Dried leaves lose much of their scent, so best used fresh.
Herb	Lovage	Green	90	Specialty culinary herb. Young leaves taste like celery and are used in spring salads and with potato, rice, and poultry dishes. Roots and young stems are also edible. Young stems can be cut, peeled, and used in salads. Stems are smooth, hollow, and thick. If allowed to flower, provides pollen and nectar for beneficial insects such as bees, hoverflies, lacewing larva, lady beetles, parasitic wasps, and tachinid flies.
Herb	Rosemary	Green		<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> . Mediterranean native. Attractive evergreen shrub with grey-green pinnate leaves. Classic herb has a spicy flavor used extensively to season meats and vegetables. Great for pots. Perennial in zones 8-10, grown as an annual in the North.
Herb	Saltwort	Green		<i>Salsola komarovii</i> . Long, succulent leaves with an incredibly appealing, crunchy texture. Native to the salt marshes of Japan, but well adapted to less saline soils. Add tender young leaves to salads and sushi, or steam longer stems for a unique and healthy side dish. Excellent when grown for microgreen production, maturing 10–15 days from sowing. Also called land seaweed or "Okahijiki" in Japan.
Herb	Stevia	Green	100	Incredibly sweet leaves are an herbal alternative to sugar. Use fresh, dried, powdered, or as a liquid to sweeten a variety of foods and beverages. Bushy, high-yielding plants.
Herb	Sweet Marjoram	Green	80	Aroma is similar to oregano, but sweeter and more balsam-like. Compact plant. Use the flowers, which have a mild and marjoram-like flavor, as you would the herb to garnish salads, soups, stews, sauces, and stuffing. Also pairs well with citrus, mushrooms, and fish.
Herb	Thyme	Green	80	Thyme is a versatile herb used in dishes from around the globe. Plants grow 6-12" tall with a sprawling habit and small green leaves. Can be perennial in zone 5 with winter protection, or grown as an annual. Leaves are used fresh or dried. Try it in seafood or with poultry dishes. The flavor is released slowly as the leaves are cooked, making it a great choice for long cooked soups and stocks or slow cooker meals.
Parsley	Giant of Italy	Green	75	This heirloom variety is a favorite for seasoning and drying. Large, dark, glossy green leaves offer a stronger, more concentrated flavor than standard varieties.

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Parsley	Peione	Green	75	Improved Giant of Italy type with intermediate resistance to downy mildew. High leaf mass on thick, upright stems for easier harvest. Compared to the standard parsley Giant of Italy, Peione has larger and darker green leaves, a more uniform plant habit, and sweeter flavor. Ht. 18–20"

FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

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Amaranth	Dreadlocks	Red	60	A fountain of eye-catching magenta-burgundy blooms! Here's a different amaranth—curious flower heads in a weeping habit, with “tassels” sometimes reaching down to the ground. Plants seldom exceed 3 feet in height. A form of Love-Lies-Bleeding, so the seeds and young leaves are edible.
Amaranth	Love-Lies-Bleeding	Red	60	The tall, 3-to 4-foot plants are covered with very long rope-like flowers of a deep, brilliant red color. One of the most striking plants for any garden, amaranth is one of our favorite crops! It is so easy to grow and a good seed producer, too. This is a very old heirloom, a pre-1700 variety, that was very popular. Young leaves are tasty as cooked greens.
Bachelor's Button	Black	Black		Lovely, nearly black flowers are perfect for the old-fashioned cottage garden; this rare heirloom was listed in Buist's 1942 catalog.
Bachelor's Button	Blue	Blue		Colorful blue, double flowers on tall 3-foot plants bloom all season. Very easy to grow. It is a self-seeding annual, so you will not have to replant. Bachelor's Buttons were brought to America in the 17th century.
Calendula	Calendula Mix	Multi	50	A spectacular mix from Seed Savers with plants from orange to yellow flowers. Calendula flowers are edible with tangy and sweet flavors and are also great for cutting and arranging. Plants grow to 20-24 inches tall. Great for container gardens.
Celosia	Cramer's Burgundy	Purple		Crested-type wine-colored flowers bloom prolifically on well-branched plants. Bloom size is approximately 2–6" across. With approximately 15–20 stems per plant, Cramer's varieties prove to be workhorses in the garden. Selected by the late, and well-known, commercial flower farmer, Ralph Cramer. Also known as cockscomb and crested cock's comb.

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Cosmos	Afternoon White	White	75	Large, pure white blooms 2-4" across with yellow centers on strong stems. Selected for cut flower production and early to flower. Plants are 36-48" tall.
Cosmos	Sensation Mix	Multi	80	All-America Selections winner. A combination of rich-toned colorful blooms starting in midsummer. Large, single daisylike flowers with yellow centers and petals of lavender, pink, magenta and white. Easy to grow and tolerant of poor soil and hot, humid conditions. Plants are 48-54" high.
Cosmos	Sea Shells Mix	Multi		The three inch blooms are tubular or cone-shaped rather than flat, giving them a unique appearance. Flowers are produced abundantly until frost in usual cosmos shades (deep rose, shell pink, snowy white). Tolerates poor soil and dry, hot conditions.
Flax	Scarlet Flax	Red		A stunning diminutive wildflower, Scarlet Flax is a stunning addition to any wildflower garden. Unlike its blue cousins, Scarlet Flax tends to bloom in mid to late season. Plant them in tandem and enjoy flax throughout the season!
Gomphrena	QIS Formula Mix	Mix	85	Globe amaranth. Productive accent flower for fresh and dried arrangements. 1 1/2" blooms in shades of purple, pink, and white with tall, cuttable stems and uniform growth. Two-week vase life without preservatives.
Gomphrena	Raspberry Cream	Pink	85	Globe amaranth. Gomphrena in a glowing, creamy raspberry color. Very similar to QI Pink but with a darker, richer color. 1 1/2" blooms.
Grass	Bunny Tails	Green		Great ornamental grass for children and adults alike. It is hard to resist touching the fluffy flower head, as soft as a bunny's tail! Easy to grow, very drought tolerant once established. Dwarf habit. Annual, 6-12" tall.
Fameflower	Jewels of Opar	Pink		<i>Talinum paniculatum</i> . Sure to become a favorite. Eye-catching mats of succulent chartreuse foliage. Attractive sprays of pink flowers followed by ruby-orange seedpods. Great filler for any border or container. Tolerates dry conditions. Self-sows readily. 24" tall.
Marigold	Crackerjack Mix	Multi		These are some of the most popular annual flowers on earth. The marigold group called "Crackerjack Mix" has decorated millions of gardens for decades. These are the big ones--bright ball-shaped flowers in yellow and orange or sturdy plants 2-3 ft. tall. The flowers are chrysanthemum-like with a mass of bright colored petals. And best of all, they keep blooming all summer long. Add these to your meadow, and the color will never stop.

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Marigold	Kilimanjaro White	White		Large, 2" creamy white flowers. These flowers have a sweet scent that differs from other marigolds. Petals are edible with a slightly bitter, citrusy/spicy flavor.
Marigold	Lemon Gem	Yellow	60	Bite-sized, single marigold flowers often used as an edible garnish. Petite flowers are citrus-scented and plants grow in low mounds of lacy foliage. Long-blooming plants also have edible leaves that can be used in salads or as a garnish.
Marigold	Linnaeus Burning Embers	Red		Heirloom French marigold with small burnt orange-red blossoms with golden edges. Excellent branching and upright, compact habit.
Marigold	Orange Flame	Orange		French-type marigold with unique blooms. Bronzy red to orange ligulate petals with a bright orange plume of petals at the center. Plants grow 20-30 cm in height and are great companion plants in the vegetable garden.
Marigold	Red Marietta	Red		Bright red and orange 2" flowers with a classic marigold scent.
Safflower	Lorenzo Truffoni	Orange	75	<i>Carthamus tinctorius</i> . A bright orange-red safflower brought from Italy to Genoa, Wisconsin in 1889 by Lorenzo Trussoni. Dried petals make an excellent saffron substitute and the flowers are vivid orange-red splashes of color. The plants reach 2' tall and form flowering branches all along the main stems.
Snapdragon	Black Prince	Red	80	One of the best, this variety has beautiful dark leaves and stunning, very dark crimson flowers.
Snapdragon	Tetra Mix	Multi	80	Robust, scented flowers in an abundance of old-fashioned colors ideal for the cutting garden. Semi-dwarf plants grow from 18-24" high.
Sunflower	Arikara	Yellow	70	Plants are 10' tall with many beautiful large, bright yellow flowers and black centers. Seeds are edible. Name comes from their use by the Arikara nation in North Dakota, who planted these sunflowers as the ice broke on the Missouri River when soil temperatures were 45F! Flowers are produced over a long period.
Sunflower	Big Smile	Yellow	50	A dwarf branching type sunflower with blooms 3-6" across that are golden yellow with a black center. Day-neutral flowering means they will flower anytime the weather is warm not just in the longest days of summer. Plants are 10-15" tall in containers and 12-24" in the garden.

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Sunflower	Branching Florenza	Multi	70	Unique color combination and mild chocolate fragrance. No drooping flower heads; strong, straight 15–32" stems provide firm support. Plants have relatively small, and few, leaves, making them more manageable, neater, and easier to harvest. Produces pollen. Branching. Ht. 45–55".
Sunflower	Chocolate Cherry	Multi	80	A multi-branching type with flowers of deep colors from obidian to black cherry and rich chocolate. Some blooms have fully dark centers, others a vibrant yellow ring around the pollen disk. The plants are 6-7" tall with heads 5-8" across.
Sunflower	Gummy Bear	Yellow	75	A dwarf sunflower that is a cheerful companion to Teddy Bear sunflowers. Lighter yellow coloring and several days later than Teddy Bear, the fluffy Gummy Bear flowers are 3-5" across and fully double. Great for garden beds, containers and short-stemmed cut flowers. Minimal pollen.
Sunflower	Short Stuff	Yellow	54	Great sunflower for a kid's garden, as the total height is just 2.5' but the heads are up to 8" wide. A bold, very uniform variety that also produces excellent wintertime food for birds.
Sunflower	Teddy Bear	Yellow	65	Earliest of the teddy types in trial, this branching variety will host 3-5" sunny, shaggy blooms. Like other dwarf sunflowers, the final height depends on the size of the container. Expect 8-12" plants from seeds directly sown in a 4" pot. 35-42" in the garden; 14-25" long stems. Popular with children. Minimal pollen. Ht. 8–12" in containers; 35–42" in the garden.
Tithonia	Fiesta del Sol	Orange		<i>Tithonia rotundifolia</i> (aka Mexican Sunflower). Fiesta del Sol is the first ever dwarf version of the standard Tithonia and only reaches 2-3' tall. Single, orange daisy-like flowers are 2-3" across and attract many butterflies over the extended bloom period. Easy to grow in beds, containers or as part of a border garden. Thrives in drought and heat and is not attractive to deer and other herbivores.
Tithonia	Torch	Orange		<i>Tithonia rotundifolia</i> (aka Mexican Sunflower) Fiery yellow 2-3" flowers attract lots of butterflies all summer long until frost. A favorite because of its extended bloom period. Nice for fresh arrangements. Branching plants grow 4-6' tall. Annual, 60 days.
Winged Everlasting	Winged Everlasting	White		The prolific 1/2- 3/4" silvery-white blooms on stiff stems are typically grown for dried-flower production but are also useful as fresh cuts for flower arrangements. Winged Everlasting gets its name from ribbed, or winged, stems the plant produces. Tender perennial in Zones 9-10 but most often grown as an annual. Ht. 20-26".

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Zinnia	Benary's Giant	Multi	75	The premium zinnia. Blooms are densely petaled and up to 6" across. Long-lasting in bouquets and in the garden. Vigorous all season produced recommended by the Association of Specialty Cut Flowers. Colors include red, orange, rose, coral, lime, purple, white, yellow and more!
Zinnia	Queeny Formula Mix	Multi	75	Exclusive mix from Johnny's Seeds contains a dreamy blend of zinnia colors from the "Queeny" series. Shades of rose, orange, peach, lemon and lime on mostly double and semi-double 3.5" blooms. Yields multiple cuts of flowers over the season. Plants are 30-40" tall.
Zinnia	Senora	Pink		Prolific 3-5" cactus-type blooms in shades of salmon. Mostly double blooms, yields multiple cuts over the season.
Zinnia	Whirlygig Mix	Multi		Festive 3-4" double, bicolored flowers reminiscent of pinwheels. Blooms last most of the summer on sturdy stems. Plants grow to 24" height and 12" wide.

NATIVE PLANTS

Specific Type	Species or Cultivar Name	Color	Description
Native Forb	Prairie anise hyssop	Purple	<i>Agastache foeniculum</i> . Masses of purple flower spikes sit atop lush deep-green foliage. Leaves emit a potent licorice scent when crushed and can be used as a flavoring for cooking and for tea. Makes an excellent cut flower. Plants grow 1-3' tall. Acts as a biennial and self-sows readily on open ground. Hardy to zone 4.
Native Forb	Purple prairie clover	Purple	<i>Dalea purpurea</i> . The thimble shaped flowers of Purple Prairie Clover sit atop a spray of stems with delicate foliage. This prairie plant has great garden form and is easily grown in any sunny location with average to dry soils. A pollinator favorite, Purple Prairie Clover is a host plant for Dogface Butterfly larvae and provides nectar to many species of butterflies, bees and other pollinating insects.
Native Forb	White prairie clover	White	<i>Dalea candida</i> . Very similar to purple prairie clover, but with white flowers! Blooms slightly earlier than purple prairie clover as well. The leaves are also larger and not as densely packed on the stem. Like purple prairie clover, hosts the Dogface butterflies as well as Reakirt's Blue butterflies.
Native Forb	Wild bergamot	Purple	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i> . Bergamot is a well known and highly adaptable native plant that thrives in all but the wettest soils. The lavender tubular flowers offer a popular nectar source for pollinators and attract a wide variety of bees and butterflies. Hummingbirds may also visit. A member of the mint family, Bergamot was historically used by indigenous people for a variety of medicinal applications. The distinctly aromatic leaves are commonly used to make tea, and the button seed heads are popular in dried floral arrangements.
Native Forb	Prairie blazing star	Purple	<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i> . Dramatic and iconic purple-flowering prairie plant. Tightly bunched flowers begin blooming at the top and work their way down the stem. Grows well in full sun and adequate moisture, and can tolerate both moist soils and clay. Many pollinators visit this plant, including butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds. <i>Liatris</i> plants are important for numerous small moths such as Glorious Flower moth, Three lined Flower moth, Wavy-Lined Emerald and the Blazing Star Borer moth.
Native Forb	Prairie rosinweed	Yellow	<i>Silphium integrifolium</i> . Tall, unbranched perennial plant that reaches 3-5ft in height. Great for a vertical accent, with yellow flowers that resemble small sunflowers (2-3 in across). Before flowering, it can be mistaken for milkweed due to the thick, leathery leaves that rise in pairs along the stem. It may be the best <i>Silphium</i> for the garden due to shorter height and tough stem that keeps the plant upright without support. Very hardy to drought due to deep taproots. Will (very slowly) form colonies from shallow rhizomes. Rosinweed attracts a variety of pollinators but it is especially relished by some of our smaller solitary bees. The plant gets its common name from the sticky rosin it produces.

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Native Forb	Showy tick trefoil	Pink	<i>Desmodium canadense</i> . Called showy tick trefoil for the numerous pink pea-like flowers that bloom along the upper stems for three weeks in midsummer. The nectar, pollen, seeds and foliage appeal to a number of insects, birds and mammals. Grows well in clay soils, as well as any moderately rich well-drained to slightly damp soil. Has “stick-tight” seeds that allow for spread. Adds nitrogen to the soil.
Native Forb	Culver’s root	White	<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i> . A plant that will make a strong vertical statement in the garden. Tall, unbranched stems surrounded with whorls of deep green leaves and topped with spires of white flowers that bloom for several weeks in midsummer. Tolerates a wide range of soils and attracts numerous species of butterflies and solitary bees such as sweat bees, carpenter bees, and bumble bees. Mature plants can reach 6 feet.
Native Grass	Switchgrass	Green	<i>Panicum virgatum</i> . Switchgrass is most attractive in its later stages, from the emerging, purple cloud-like seed heads mid-summer to dried golden foliage in fall. Consider not cutting switchgrass back late fall in your garden; it holds up well in heavy snow providing winter cover for small mammals and land birds. Birds will also feed on the seeds and the dried foliage adds a splash of pale yellow to the winter landscape. In addition to the many birds and mammals that use switchgrass, the Tawny-edge Skipper and the Delaware Skipper also use it as a host plant.
Native Grass	Prairie dropseed	Green	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i> . A lower-statured warm-season perennial grass with a tussock-forming growth habit. The bloom has a unique fragrance with hints of coriander. Has a nice golden hue during fall and winter. Seeds are a great food for seed eating birds. Excels in hot and dry conditions. A host plant for six species of butterflies or moths, including the endangered Poweshiek Skipperling and the threatened Dakota Skipper.