

## Victoria Seed Library Collection

Type	Variety	Grower	Notes/Description
<i>NOTE: Types highlighted in green are relatively easy to save seed from - orange are more difficult and require isolation.</i>			
<b>BEAN</b>			
Pole, Fresh?	Frank's Father's	VSL MEMBER	Sourced from Elizabeth Chow's grandmother who grew them for years in the Okanagan and Elizabeth brought them to Esquimalt where they were also successful. Beans produced into November and are not stringy even when large.
Bush, Dry	Aztec Red Kidney	Ross Mountain Farm	Beautiful, rare, heirloom kidney bean. Very dark purple-red. Great in soups and chili. Plants can produce larger than average beans.
Bush, Dry	Black Turtle	A Rocha	Dense, meaty texture when consumed. A great antioxidant. Grows virtually anywhere.
Bush, Dry	Flo's Favorite Kidney	A Rocha/ Ross Mountain Farm/ Edible Earth Seeds/VSL Member	Despite receiving it from multiple sources, we can't find any details about this bean, so if you grow it this year, let us know what it's like.
Bush, Dry	Gaucha	Dan Jason	Vibrant gold-brown seed. Argentinian origin. Matures early. Productive.
Bush, Dry	Hutterite Soup	Rebecca Jehn/ Laura Sampson	Very productive. Purple eye; buttery quality when cooked.
Bush, Dry	Ireland Creek Annie	A Rocha/ Cindy MacDonald	Stocky 24" plants produce abundantly and reliably. Superb flavour, makes its own thick sauce when stewed.
Bush, Dry	Kennerly Yellow Eye	?/Elizabeth Chow	Great for soups or creamy sauce.
Bush, Dry	Kintoki	Edible Earth Seeds	A type of japanese kidney bean, use in sweeter applications like azuki beans.
Bush, Dry	Limelight	Dan Jason	Productive and easy to grow. Used as both shell and dry bean. Similar in appearance and flavour to Lima beans. Rare variety.
Bush, Dry	Norwegian	Rebecca Jehn	Bushy plants. Brown mid-sized beans. Used in stews and navy bean dishes. Can be used as a green bean if picked young.
Bush, Dry	Refugee		A very old bean believed to have been brought to England by French Huguenots. This bean was also canned commercially in the early 1900s in Ontario. The 1908 McKenzie Seed catalogue states that the Refugee bean is "An immense producer and valuable for pickling." The green pods are striped and contain small pinkish beige seed mottled with black. Some dark seed among the others is normal. A very productive and early bush bean. Can be used as a very tasty snap bean when young or as a dried bean. Very dependable and disease resistant. One of the most productive beans available.
Bush, Dry	Ruckle		Mild, sweet, white kidney bean for soup and baking. Salt Spring Island heirloom originally from Gwen Ruckle. Very early and productive.
Bush, Dry	Tiger Eye (or Pepe de Zapallo)	Ross Mountain Farm/ Square Root Farm	Beautiful, dry, kidney type bush bean has a gold ochre background with maroon swirls. Originally cultivated in Chile.
Bush, Dry & Fresh	Flambo	Saanich Organics	Large, fuchsia pods. Matures pretty fast.

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Bush, Dry & Fresh	Tanya's Pink Pod	Dan Jason	Good as snap or dry bean. Large, flat pods. Striking iridescent pink colour. Discovered and selected on Salt Spring Island.
Bush, Fresh	Beurre de Rocquencourt	Unknown	Yields early, bright waxy-yellow in colour. Cook with the pod.
Bush, Fresh	Blue Jay	Dan Jason/Laura Sampson	Early snap bush bean. Excellent flavour and production. Seed makes good cooked bean. Rare heirloom, brought back into production by Bob Wildfong of Seeds of Diversity.
Bush, Fresh	Bountiful Stringless Snap	Dan Jason	Early bush bean. Hardy and high yielding. 6-7" green pods. Excellent flavour. Great beans for freezing and canning.
Bush, Fresh	Carson	Dan Jason	Yellow wax-type bean. High yield and good flavour. Slender 5" pods. Disease resistant.
Bush, Fresh	Caruso	Dan Jason	High yielding, prolific mid-season bean. Grows in a sunny sheltered place. 17-19cm in length fully grown.
Bush, Fresh	Dragon Tongue	A Rocha	Can be eaten whole and raw when immature. Can be shelled and used as a dry bean when matured. Compact high yielding plants.
Bush, Fresh	Festina	Scott Tregear	
Bush, Fresh	Green Bush (aka "Jade")	West Coast Seeds	
Bush, Fresh	Honeywax	Dan Jason	Yellow bush variety. Very productive, 5" long, straight, pale yellow snap beans. Good flavour.
Bush, Fresh	Lynx	Dan Jason	Green filet bush bean. Dark green, stringless, 5" pods. Excellent flavour. Compact, upright plant.
Bush, Fresh	Maxibel	BC Eco Seed Co-op/ Saanich Organics	Pencil thin pods grow up to 7" long. Large yield in short time frame. Mouthwateringly delicious.
Bush, Fresh	Pencil Pod Black Wax Bush	PNW Seeds	
Bush, Fresh	Provider	Rebecca Jehn/Matthew Kemshaw	Sets early but has a long harvest. Plants are tolerant to powdery mildew. Firm, crisp and sweet pods are perfect for canning.
Bush, Fresh	Royal Burgundy	BC Eco Seed Co-op/ Saanich Organics/PNW Seeds	Long harvest. Dark purple pods turn green when cooked.
Bush, Fresh	Royalty Purple Pod	Rebecca Jehn	Purple, slightly flat, 6" pods turn green when cooked. Developed by well-known plant breeder Elwyn Meader.
Bush, Fresh	Tendergreen	PNW Seeds/Aimers Organics	
Fava	Approvecho	BC Eco Seed Co-op/ Glorious Organics	Giant plants that yield heavily with pods containing 4 big seeds each. Young leaves and shoots also makes delicious salad.

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Pole, Dry	Karin's Pinto		Pinto beans are native to Mexico and are used in a many traditional dishes from this region, such as refried beans. Pinto bean plants are a half-runner type which produces 20 inch plants with light tan seeds and brown speckles. Pods are usually 4 inches long with 3-4 beans inside. As they original from subtropical areas the can be sensitive to cold and will grow best in sandy but fertile loam. Beans can be harvested sooner and eaten as a green snap bean.
Pole, Dry	Borlotti	Deanna Pfeifer	This Italian heirloom produces speckled red & cream coloured pods. Beans are creamy & nutty when cooked. Plant mid May until beginning of July.
Pole, Dry	King of the Early	Nash's Organic Farm	Easy to grow and high yielding. Robust flavour, swell enormously when soaked.
Pole, Dry	O'Driscoll	Green Arrow Farm/ Deanna Pfeifer	Very tolerant of cool weather and early maturing. flavour is rich with a texture almost like new potatoes.
Pole, Dry & Fresh	Cherokee Trail of Tears	Dan Jason/VSL Member Irene Rodriguez	Green 6-inch pods with purple overlay. Good for snap beans and dry beans. Carried by Cherokee people on tragic forced winter march from the Smoky Mountains to Oklahoma in 1838.
Pole, Fresh	Blue Lake Pole	Powell River Seed Savers	
Pole, Fresh	Fortex	Rebecca Jehn/ Laura Sampson	Stringless French pole bean. Extra-long round green pods. Early and very productive. Needs trellising.
Pole, Fresh	Goldmarie Romano	Rebecca Jehn/ Deanna Pfeifer	Romano pole bean. Yellow, tender and sweet flavour. Long, flat pods. Very prolific. Needs trellising.
Pole, Fresh	Hilda Romano	Deanna Pfeifer	An Italian variety of flat podded, stringless, green bean. Matures early and will produce all summer if kept picked.
Pole, Fresh	Kentucky Wonder		Climbing habit. Prolific.
Pole, Fresh	Mary's Beans	Deanna	
Pole, Fresh	Violet Podded Purple	Rebecca Jehn	Easy to grow, grows to 6' and produce heavy yields. Bright purple, stringless and tender.
Pole, Fresh or Dry	Lazy Housewife	Scott	Vigorous pole beans growin to 8' or more. Stays fresh for a long time on the vine.
Runner, Fresh	Scarlet Emperor	Jesse Howardson	Vigorous vines that grow over 10'. Bright flowers. Good for snap, shell or dry beans. Likes cool weather.
Runner, Fresh	Scarlet Runner	Rebecca Jehn/Simone Richard/Charis Burke/Kris Olson	Tasty edible red flowers. Young pods before beans truly develop can be eaten raw but don't eat raw beans. Quick-growing vines.
<b>CUCURBITS (SQUASH &amp; CUCUMBERS)</b>			
Cucumber	Lillie Mae	Seeds of the Revolution	Small, fresh eating variety. Pick when size of pickling cuke. Seed brought from Southwest US and adapted to PNW for a decade.

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Squash - Patty Pan (aka Scallopini)	Benning's Green Tint	Robin Sturley/ Green Arrow Farm/VSL Member	Plant produces pale green (almost white) patty-pan squash which are good for eating raw or cooked. This variety from 1914 is tolerant of varied soil, water, and temperature conditions and grows tall instead of sprawling. Mature fruits can be carved into bowls and dishes.
Squash	Sugar Pie Pumpkin	Rebecca Jehn	This is the classic pumpkin for using in pie and other recipes. Fruits are small but have smooth and sweet flesh. Plants produce a few pumpkins per vine.
Squash	Butternut	VSL member	Winter squash
<b>FLOWER (NON-NATIVE)</b>			
Bachelor's Button	Mixed	Dan Jason	Easy to grow. Comes in blue, pink, wine-red and white. Can produce an outstanding supply of cut flowers 1-1/2 inches in diameter.
Calendula	Field Marigold		Yellow flowers. Less useful medicinally than orange varieties.
Calendula	Mixed		Blend of different varieties.
Calendula	Simple Orange		Orange flowers. Use petals in salads or teas; as an antiseptic, dye for hair or wool, anti-inflammatory.
Cosmo	Orange		Cosmos are easy to grow and attract bees and other pollinators. These bright orange flowers will add vibrancy to your garden patch!
Cosmo	Rubenza	Dan Jason/Laura Sampson	Dark, rich, luscious colour. Grows to 30 inches. 7 to 10 days vase life.
Cosmo	Mixed	Scott Tregear	
Foxglove	Classic Pink	Scott Tregear	A volunteer on Scott's property. Sprinkle lightly on the surface when sowing - do not cover!
Hollyhock	Hollyhock Lane	Michelle Smith	Hollyhocks originated in China, but were imported to English gardens around the 15th century. They are an old garden favorite, with a long blooming season. Usually considered a short-lived perennial in Zones 3-8, but may live for several years if stalks are cut off at their bases after the flowers fade.  Blooms start near the base of the stem and move upward so that 1-1/2 to 2 feet of each stem is covered with bloom throughout the season.  They are also edible!
Marigold	Tangerine Gem		7" high, yellow and orange flowers. Great for window boxes, borders.
Phacelia	Bolander's	Dan Jason	Grape-like leaves. Each stem ends in a coil of flower buds which open into saucer-shaped, pale blue flowers.
Phacelia	Phacelia	UBC Farm/BC Eco Seed Co-op/Unknown	Great for bees!
Poppy	Mixed	Jesse Howardson	
Poppy	Pink Poppy	Scott tregear	
Poppy	Red Bread	Raven Ransom	Red poppy similar to the California Poppy.
Sunflower	Mammoth	Scott Tregear	Very large heads that produce nice seeds for eating.

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Sunflower	Mongolian Mammoth	Raven Ranson	Fun to grow. Giant yellow flower head. Grows to 14 ft tall. Seeds are edible when toasted for a healthy snack.
Sweet Peas	"Dusty Rose" Scott's name	Scott Tregear	
<b>GRAINS</b>			
Amaranth	4-Star Explorers Mix	Dan Jason	Amaranth is a warm climate grain crop that should be planted out the same time as corn. It has a high protein content and is gluten free, making it a great grain for vegetarians or those with gluten sensitivities. Grains are harvested in the fall by saking seed heads into a bucket. They can be cooked in hot water like rice, or dried then milled into flour. Even the leaves are edible too! Plants are purple/burgundy coloured with varied coloured seeds.
Amaranth	Black-seeded Purple	Dan Jason	A deep burgundy plant that produces black seeds. This variety may be better for harvesting the leaves or leaving for the birds as black amaranth seeds tend to remain gritty even when cooked.
Quinoa	High Yield		Colourful seed heads. High calcium, high protein, gluten free. Sow in late April-May.
<b>HERB</b>			
Fennel	Selma Fino (bulb)	Scott Tregear	Excellent anise-like flavour that mellows with cooking. Tops can be used as fresh herb, adding a very mellow fennel seed flavour to dishes and salads.
Anise	Anise	VSL Member?	
Anise Hyssop	Anise Hyssop	Elodie Roger	Neither a true anise or hyssop, this plant is also known as Licorice Mint and is a part of the mint family. It is native to the prairie provinces and part of Ontario, and was used by First Nation peoples in various medicinal applications. It makes for a nice ornamental plant, but leaves can be used for teas to help with sore throats and are a nice addition to salads.
Cilantro	Cilantro	Unknown/Donation from passer by	Used in Mexican, Indian, North African, Middle Eastern, Vietnamese, Thai, and Chinese cuisines, this herb makes a fabulous addition to the kitchen garden. Leaves can be used fresh or frozen, while seeds make the dried spice known as coriander. Bees love the flowers, and if sheltered this plant can overwinter!
Cilantro	Santo	Unknown/West Coast Seeds	Great for leaf production.
Cilantro	Calypso	BC Eco Seed Co-op	
Lemon Balm	Lemon Balm	Elodie Roger	As the names suggests, this herb in the mint family has a nice lemony flavour that can enhance salads or be used to flavour other dishes/beverages. Known to have some medicinal properties, Lemon Balm can be made into a tincture or brewed as a tea. This plant is easy to grow but also can take over your plot!
Parsley	Dark		Plants have dark green, flat, deeply cut leaves and sturdy upright stems. Use this rich flavoured variety in salads, cooking, or dry for using later! Easy to grow and matures in 80 days.

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Parsley	Italian Parsley	?/Scott Tregear	Plants have flat, vibrant green, fringed leaves (not to be confused with cilantro!). This variety also has a deep flavour but works well as a natural breath freshener. It's great as a companion plant for flowers (such as pansies) and fits nicely in small or container gardens. Grows quickly and tolerates both heat and frost well!
Toothache Plant	Toothache Plant	Elodie Roger	
<b>LETTUCE</b>			
Butterhead	Hilde	BC Eco Seed Co-op/ Stellar Seeds	Large, vigorous, rapid growing, lime-green butterhead. Thick, tender and delicious with great aftertaste.
Butterhead	Marvel of the Four Seasons	Scott Tregear	Tasty, very attractive, French heirloom from the 1880s grows in bronze, gold, red and green. Also known as "Merveille des Quatre Saisons" and as "Continuity". Easy to grow in spring or fall. Thrives in a range of climates. Belongs in all coastal vegetable gardens!
Butterhead	Yugoslavian Red	BC Eco Seed Co-op/ Stellar Seeds/ Scott Tregear	Red-tinged leaves form loose heads that can measure up to 12" across. Cutting the head in half exposes solid green interior leaves and an almost white center. Excellent mild flavour.
Butterhead, oakleaf	Blushed Butter Oaks	A Rocha	Highly sculpted oak leaves form a bronze halo around a loosely packed buttery heart of tender, delicious, slightly blanched inner leaves. Cold hardy.
Crisphead	Cardinale	Rebecca Jehn	Crisphead variety develops into a nice head. Wine-red with green centre. Rescued by famed organic breeder Frank Morton.
Crisphead	Reine des glaces		Ideal for summer plantings. Crispy, dark-green, lacy leaves.
Looseleaf	Black Seeded Simpson	Robin Sturley/ Green Arrow Farm	One of the most tender and delicately flavoured leaf lettuces ever bred. Ruffled leaves are large with an appealing light-green colour. Well adapted to a wide range of climates.
Looseleaf	Chadwick's Rodan	Rebecca Jehn	Green leaves blushed with red. Rare variety. Developed by organic gardener Alan Chadwick.
Looseleaf	Goldrush	BC Eco Seed Co-op/ Glorious Organics	Lime-green leaves are strikingly frilled, curly, and crinkled. Adds unique texture to salads. Holds without bolting for an extended period. Mild, fresh flavour.
Looseleaf	Merlot	A Rocha/ Scott Tregear/Saanch Organics/Salt Spring Seeds	Open-headed frilly leaf-type. Deep purple leaves. All-seasons. Slow bolting.
Looseleaf	Red Sails		Deep-red and green crinkled leaves. Holds a long time after maturity without getting bitter.
Looseleaf	Tango		Curled leaf lettuce with crispy texture & dark green leaves.
Looseleaf	Tropicana		Best heat and bolt tolerance. Ruffled, heavy green leaves.
Looseleaf	Vulcan	Scott Tregear	No longer carried by West Coast Seeds. Pretty, has some bronze tips.
Looseleaf, oakleaf	Brunia	Rebecca Jehn	Uniquely shaped French looseleaf variety. Green with reddish brown. Slow to bolt. Good for all seasons.
Looseleaf, oakleaf	Panisse	BC Eco Seed Co-op/UBC Farm	Large, lime-green, lobed leaves form dense heads with a long harvest window. Some resistance to powdery mildew and lettuce mosaic virus.
Looseleaf, oakleaf	Red Salad Bowl	Rebecca Jehn	Red oakleaf type, defined red leaves. All seasons, colour best in cool weather. Early maturing, slow to bolt. Not bitter.
Romaine	Cimarron		Early to late spring production. Red and green, tender, crunchy .

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Romaine	Coastal Star	Seeds of the Revolution	Large, heavy heads with crisp hearts. Adapted to cooler coastal conditions. Disease resistant.
Romaine	Eiffel tower		Tall and cylindrical shape/apple green shade/ bitter-free flavour.
<b>NATIVE PLANTS</b>			
	Black Hawthorn	Elodie Roger	This tree is native to much of BC as well as US states in the Pacific Northwest. The trees grow to approx 25 ft tall, with 1-2cm long thorns, and produce clusters of white flowers in spring which later turn to dark purple-blue berries in the fall. They are also useful for erosion control, acting as a biological barrier, and providing safe haven for small animals. The sharp thorns were used in varying ways by the Lilloet, Gitksan, Thompson, and Okanagan peoples. Berries are edible but avoid swallowing the seeds as they are poisonous.
	Blue Eyed Grass	Saanich Native Plants	Also known as "Shore" or "Alaskan" Blue-Eyed Grass, this plant is not actually a grass but rather a member of the iris family, producing small purple/blue flowers that bloom in May or June. The plants tend to grow on cliff faces or rocky outcrops, hence their name.
	Common Camas	Saanich Native Plants	Common Camas is 1 of 2 camas varieties found on Vancouver Island, southern BC, and the Northwestern US. Plants produce star-shaped, blue-purple flowers from April to mid May, and are grown from a tuber which traditionally was harvested and eaten by a number of Indigenous groups. Tubers were cooked for a long time in a pit oven which converted the inulin sugars in the bulbs to fructose, resulting in a sweet-potato like vegetable. The flowers make these beautiful ornamental plants as well.
	Fairwell to Spring	Saanich Native Plants	An annual that produces green stalkes topped with pink/magneta cup shaped flowers. Often is found as a ultivated species but the plan is native to BC and all the states between here and California. Plants prefer full sun to partial shade and well-drained soil.
	Fringecup	Saanich Native Plants	Fringecup is native to coastal areas from Northern California all the way up to Alaska. It goes best in moist, partially shady areas. Works nicely as a ground cover, and hummingbirds love the flowers as well.
	Graceful Cinqueful	Saanich Native Plants	Graceful Cinquefoil is native to a variety of habitats including meadows, open forests, clearings, roadsides, stream banks, grasslands, foothills, sagebrush desert, and alpine areas to 9,000' in elevation. It is found mostly in the Northeast US and interior of BC. Plant in an area with full sun. Flowers from May - July.
	Great Camas	Saanich Native Plants	The Great Camas blooms a bit later than the Commom Camas, but is usually taller and the flowers are more attractive. Both can be found in meadow areas all around the South Island - often with garry oaks nearby. The bulbs are edible, but don't harvest them from the wild inless you are with a professional as they can be easily confused with another tuber - the Death Camas.

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	Nodding Onion		A native onion variety that has light purple flowers which cause the top of the plant to droop or "nod". The entire plant is edible either raw or cooked, but served raw has a very strong onion flavour. Flowers also attract pollinators. Can grow well in drier areas, but prefers sandy, well drained soil.
	Self-Heal	Saanich Native Plants	A low growing plant that produces purple, two-lipped flowers. They can thrive in a number of different environments, but you often see them mixed in with the lawn here. Once used for its medicinal properties, the leaves can be added to a salad as greens or steeped in water for tea.
	Spring Gold	Saanich Native Plants	Spring Gold is a yellow flowered perennial that's a part of the carrot family. Its roots were once a food source for a number of Indigenous peoples both on the Island, in the Okanagan and in the United States where it also thrives. It is still a food source for some butterflies. Flowers bloom during April and May, and are naturally found in spring meadows, grassy slopes, or dry rocky outcrops.
	Western Buttercup	saanich Native Plants	Common to coastal and northern BC, this species of Buttercup does well in meadows, grassy slopes, coastal bluffs, shores, clearings and open forests. Flowers can have anywhere from 5 to 14 petals, and bloom in early spring (around March).
	Woolly Sunflower	Saanich Native Plants	Not actually a sunflower, but still a yellow daisy-like flower with woolly leaves and thus works as a great alternative to dusty miller. The plants are native to southern BC, and thrive in dry areas. Once established they can thrive in poor soil. Flowers appear from May to August
	Yarrow	Saanich Native Plants	Plants grow up to 100cm tall, with fernlike leaves and topped with a cluster of small, white flowers. Bear in mind that they can easily spread since they grow from a rhizome once established and readily self-seed. Indigenous peoples traditionally used the plant as a medicinal herb for a number of ailments; this plant is still a staple of herbal medicine. Also great for attracting pollinators. Prefers well-drained soil and full sun.
<b>NON-LETTUCE GREENS</b>			
Arugula	Arugula	Jesse Howardson	
Cabbage	Red Express	High Mowing Organic Seeds	Petite rosebud heads are purplish-red. Bred for northern US/Canadian climates. Striking heads make quite a display in any garden. Subtle and sweet flavour.
Chard	Bietina	A Rocha /Edible Earth Seeds	An Italian variety of Swiss Chard that has smooth green leaves and less of a metallic taste normally found in chard varieties.
Chard	Rainbow		Green leaves with colourful stems. High in vitamins A, K and C.
Corn Salad (Mâché)	Vit		Leaves form tight rosettes. Plant in early spring and again in late August for a fall/winter crop. Cold hardy
Cress	Winter cress	Unknown	



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Cress	Wrinkled Crinkled Crumpled Cress	Edible Earth Seeds	OP variety by Oregon seedsman Frank Morton. Savoyed leaves make a great addition to salads and sandwiches.
Kale	Lacinato Kale	Edible Earth Seeds	Also known as Black Kale, Dinosaur Kale, Nero di Toscana, or Tuscan Kale. One of the more tender kale varieties out there. The blue-green leaves can be picked as baby leaves for salad greens, or once mature, are well suited to braising, sauteing, or making into kale chips.
Kale	Laurel's Frilly		Early spring or fall. High in vitamins A and C.
Kale	Red Russian	Scott Tregear	
Mustard	Komatsuna	Dan Jason	Long, slender stems with large, bright green spoon-shaped leaves. Used in multiple kinds of dishes from pickled vegetable to salads and stews.
Pac Choi	Pac Choi	VSL Member?	
Sorrel	French Sorrel	Scott Treager	Perennial green with a sharp, lemony flavor.
Spinach	New Zealand Spinach	Elodie Roger/ Metchosin Farm	Not a true spinach but leaves are similar in appearance and taste as real spinach. Doesn't bolt like regular spinach. Tolerates hot and dry conditions but apparently tastes better with some shade. Can be grown as a perennial in areas with mild winters.
Swiss Chard	Fordhook Giant	PNW Seeds	
<b>ODD BALLS</b>			
Asparagus	Asparagus	Scott Tregear	
Flax	Golden Flax	Matthew Kemshaw	Sourced from Earthland Gleaners originally. Can be used for making linen. See <a href="http://www.earthand.com">www.earthand.com</a>
Okra	Clemson Spineless	PNW Seeds	
<b>ONION</b>			
Leek	Bandit	Scott Tregear	A great winter hardy varietal that sweetens after the frost. Stems are thick, easy to blanch, and do not bulb easily.
Bulbig Onion	New York Early Onion	High Mowing Organic Seeds	early 3-4" storage bulbs with mild flavour, developed for direct seeding.
Bulbig Onion	Walla Walla	High Mowing Organic Seeds	Classic, large, sweet onion of the Pacific Northwest. Walla Wallas do not store well but make for great caramelised onions. They can overwinter when planted in August, or if started indoors can be planted out in the spring.
<b>PEA</b>			
Cover Crop	Winter Field Pea	West Coast Seeds	Also known as Austrian Winter Peas, these field peas are great for adding nitrogen in the soil, and the pea tips are edible! Can be sown from mid-February until May, or from late August to September. Plants are winter hardy down to -23 degrees, and will tolerate heavier soils. Chop down vines and turn under 3-4 weeks before you plan to use the bed for other crops.

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Shelling	Duke of Albany	Dan Jason	Rare English heirloom from the 1800s. Once a common variety, it long ago fell out of commercial seed trade. Its tall vines are covered in sweet, plump shelling pods. Deserves to be better known!
Shelling	Early Freezer	Dan Jason	Double podded variety producing abundant yields of blunt dark green pods filled with 7-8 medium sized peas. Pods grow in pairs on top of 20 inch tall vines, making them easy to pick. Sugary sweetness and excellent flavour make these idea for fresh use as well as freezing. (2 oz. sows a 10-15 foot row)
Shelling	Hungarian Shelling	Dan Jason	
Shelling	Lincoln Homesteader		Shelling pea that grows up to 30" in height. Each pod contains 7-9 large, mouth- watering, very sweet, deep green peas that have a distinct superior flavour and are excellent fresh or for freezing.
Shelling	Little Marvel	West Coast Seeds	
Shelling	Manitoba	Dan Jason	Bush pea. Self-supporting if mass planted. Good cover crop. Fine fresh pea. Has large tendrils that are excellent in salads. Smooth, round, cream/buff seed.
Shelling	Prince Edward	Dan Jason	A rare english heirloom variety that produces very large and plump pods. Vines climb to 3-4 feet.
Snap	Cascadia	Unknown/West Coast Seeds	
Snap	Spring Blush	Dan Jason	Bred by Dylana Kapuler and Mario DiBenedetto of Peace Seedlings. Vigorous, 8-10' vines have purple bicolour flowers and green snap pods, most with a pink blush. A hypertendrill cultivar.
Snap	Sugar snap	Elizabeth chow (VSL MEMBER)	
Snow	China Snow	Dan Jason	Delicious, climbing, medium-sized edible-pod variety. Very hardy and sometimes survives a west coast winter. Also makes a fine soup pea.
Snow	Jim's Oregon Giant *Out of Stock*	BC Eco Seed Co-op/Full Circle Seeds	Very large, juicy pea grows on robust 6' tall vines. The tender, flat, edible pods can be up to 5" long. Produces all summer. Resistant to wilt and enation mosaic virus.
Snow	Swiss Giant (aka Schweizer Riesen)	Stellar seeds	
Soup	Darlaine		5 feet high. Likes partial sun. Low maintenance.
Soup	Kimberley	Dan Jason	A dry green soup pea that grows tall vines and many pods. Great tasting, from the mountain gardens in Kimberley, BC.
Soup	Speckled Soup Pea		Maybe Kent Blue? Would have to check seeds
Soup	Swedish Red	Dan Jason/ Laura Sampson	Incredibly productive and delicious dry pea. Unusual claret-coloured seeds turn chocolate brown on cooking. Vines climb to 7 feet and more. 15 pounds per 50-feet of trellis. Also called "Biskopens".
<b>PEPPERS</b>			

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Hot	Cayenne Yellow *Out of Stock*	Rebecca Jehn	Cayenne peppers originate in the Cayenne district of French Guiana. This variety produces tapered peppers that are 8-10 cm long and have a golden yellow, smooth skin. Fruits can be eaten green or yellow, but the longer they ripen the spicier they become. Use peppers in sauces or dry them for cayenne powder. Great source of vitamins A and C!
Sweet	Italian Frying	Rebecca Jehn	Italian peppers are long, sometimes narrow like a long cayenne pepper. They can grow straight or curly, and plants can seem like a dwarf variety with the peppers hitting the ground as they grow. These kinds of peppers are sweet, great for stuffing or other cooking applications.
Sweet	Josie's Paprika	Rebecca Jehn	Make your own paprika! Peppers can be ground into a powder once dried.
Sweet	Staddon's Select	Rebecca Jehn	Very early maturing. 3-4 lobed, thick-walled. Turns green to red. Good for frying.
<b>PULSES (OTHER)</b>			
Lentils	Green Lentils		High in protein, iron, phosphorus and copper, and a very good source of dietary fiber, folate and manganese.
<b>ROOT VEGETABLES</b>			
Beet	Always Tender	A Rocha	MORE DIFFICULT FOR SEED SAVING. Large beet. Big tops. Sweet and tender - storage.
Beet	Bull's Blood	Scott Tregear	An heirloom variety from around 1840 that produces uniform, deep red beets with dark foliage. Colour gets darker and darker with maturity. Leaves can be eaten as "baby greens" in 30-40 days and can be repeatedly cut. Roots are notably sweet. A great source of antioxidants!
Beet	Detroit Red		Great for canning and fresh eating. Add colours and taste to your salad. High in iron and vitamin C. Roots, stems and leaves are edible.
Beet	Lutz Winterkeeper	Rebecca Jehn	Plant at early spring if outdoors. Will retain their sweetness if properly stored throughout the winter.
Parsnip	Harris Model	Rebecca Jehn	Delicious, tender, white, 12-inch roots have a sweet flavour. Great boiled, fried, or used in "Parsnip Bread".
Radish	Cherry Belle	Seeds of the Revolution/Charis Burke	Popular early maturing variety, cherry red with white interior. Crisp and great flavour.
Salsify	Black salsify	Unknown	
<b>TOMATO &amp; TOMATILLO</b>			
Tomatillo	Green	Square Root Farm	Tomatillos are in the same family as tomatoes but the fruits are enclosed in paperhusk. It is this fruit that is the main ingredient in Mexican "Salsa Verde". Tomatillos can be grown like tomatoes, but they aren't as prone to mildew and other moisture issues like tomatoes are. You will need 2+ plants as they aren't self-pollinating.
Tomatillo	Verde Pueblo		An heirloom variety of tomatillo that produces well.

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Beefsteak, Indeterminate	Cherokee Purple	Unknown	An old Cherokee Indian heirloom, pre- 1890 variety; beautiful, deep, dusky purple-pink color, superb sweet flavor, and very-large-sized fruit.
Cherry, Indeterminate	Black Cherry	Seeds of the Revolution/ Edible Earth Seeds/VSL Member	1" round, purple-black cherry tomatoes. Sweet.
Flat, Ribbed, Indeterminate	Costoluto Fiorentina	Nadia Englestoft	80 days. Costoluto refers to the distinct flattened, heavily-ribbed shape of various Italian heirlooms. This gorgeous selection comes from Florence and impressed us with its early maturity of brilliant red, 4 inch wide by 1 1/2 inch tall tomatoes. Fruit are juicy and flavourful for slicing but really shine when slow-roasted or cooked down into a rich sauce. Plants perform well in both hot and cooler climates.
Salad, Determinate	Early Latah	Edible Earth Seeds	An early ripening tomato variety that produces small, red, oblong fruits. Great for small or container gardens!
Determinate	Early Willamette	Edible Earth Seeds	An early maturing variety that does well in our coastal climate. Bred by Dr. Alan Kapluar in Oregon.
Beefsteak, Indeterminate	Aunt Ruby's German Green	Scott Tregear	A large, beefsteak tomato that is green when ripe and has a sweet yet spicy flavour. Fruits can be up to 1 pound! Named after a lady named Ruby Arnold of Greeneville Tennessee who got the seeds from her German immigrant grandfather and later passed them onto her niece and other seed savers.
Beefsteak, Indeterminate	Persimmon	Edible Earth Seeds	A low acid, orange, beefsteak tomato that resembles a persimmon. Great for eating fresh or cooked into sauces. Originally from Full Circle Seeds 2010, medium to large yellowish-orange sweet pulpy fruits. Like an orange beefsteak.
Beefsteak, Indeterminate	Persimmon	Scott Tregear	A low acid, orange, beefsteak tomato that resembles a persimmon. Great for eating fresh or cooked into sauces.
Beefsteak, Indeterminate	Zapotec	Scott Tregear	A pleated tomato that has large deep red/pinkish fruits. Great for stuffing, grilling or frying. Originally came from Oaxaca region of Mexico and were grown by the Indigenous people in that area.
Cherry, Determinate	Elfin	Saanich Organics/LJ	This open-pollinated version of Grape Tomato has the same wonderful sweet flavour, size, and shape as the original Grape, but has the advantage of shorter plants. Elfin's clusters of delicious, uniquely-flavoured grape-shaped cherry tomatoes have a sweetness that is unmistakably 'grape.' 60 days.
Cherry, Indeterminate	Galina	Robin Sturley/ Green Arrow Farm	A yellow tomato the size of a quarter. Great as a keeper or fresh, brightening up salads or pizza. Potato leaf variety. (NOTE: potato leaf varieties are more cross-pollinating than other tomatoes.)
Cherry, Indeterminate	Gardener's Delight	Rebecca Jehn	Red cherry tomato. Flavourful, sweet fruit produced in long trusses. Very prolific.

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Salad, Indeterminate	Green Zebra	Elain Gammin/Seeds of the Revolution	Green round fruits with dark green/yellow stripes, green flesh. Very productive; unique tangy flavour. Considered a modern heirloom as it was introduced by tomato breeder Tom Wagner.
Salad, Determinate	Kootenai	Seeds of the Revolution/ Saanich Organics	Produces 2-3", red fruits on a compact plant. Early maturing and does well in cooler/mountainous climates. Perfect for container growing.
Salad, Indeterminate	Matina	BC Eco Seed Co-op/ Full Circle Seeds	An heirloom variety, originally of German origin, this bright red, golf ball sized tomato has the kind of perfect sweet and acidic balance that you normally find in larger, late season tomatoes. Easy to grow and very early maturing, it ripens at about 55 days after transplant.
Indeterminate Salad	Moneymaker	Edible Earth Seeds	Moneymaker is an old English heirloom variety from Bristol circa the early 1900s. It prefers high heat but will set fruit freely in any weather. Fruits don't set all at once which lengthens the harvest time. Fruits are deep red, smooth skinned and about 5cm in diameter.
Slicer, Indeterminate	Mule Team	Edible Earth Seeds	aptly named workhorse of a Tomato. Productive over a long season. Slight ovate red fruit with slightly dented shoulders. Meaty flesh is sweet with a slight tang.
Slicer, Indeterminate	Nepal	Square Root Farm/unknown	Variety originates from the Himalayan Mountains. Produces deep red fruits that are 8-12 oz in weight, and are great for both eating fresh and canning. If picked when green, tomatoes can store well and be ripened indoors once the growing season is over.
Salad, Determinate	Pink Pixie	Edible Earth Seeds	An easy to grow variety that does well in pots. Fruits are golf-ball sized, have great excellent flavour. Pink Pixie was originally sold by Burpee Seed Company but were discontinued in 2000.
Flat, Ribbed, Indeterminate	Red Calabash	Robin Sturley/ Green Arrow Farm/Unknown	The delicious, thin skinned, sometimes ruffled fruits of this heirloom look like miniature beefsteak tomatoes. Traceable to Chiapas, Mexico, and documented by William Woys Weaver as appearing in a 1793 painting by Raphael Paele of Philadelphia. Staking is required.
Cherry	Red Cherry	Elain Gammin	
Slicer, Indeterminate	Rose de Berne	Edible Earth Seeds	Heirloom variety from either Switzerland or France that produced medium rose coloured fruit with good flavour. The "brandywine of Europe".
Paste, Determinate	Ropreco Paste	Unknown	Italian heirloom with good disease resistance and good production. Fruits are great for canning or eating in salads.
Cherry, Indeterminate	Soleil	Unknown/Saanich Organics/LJ	Prolific producer of small cherry type tomatoes, tangerine orange in colour, about 1/2" in diameter. Sweet fruity flavour.
Salad, indeterminate	Stupice	Jesse Howardson/VSL Member - 206	A great potato leaf variety (NOTE potato leaf varieties are more cross pollinating than other tomatoes) that comes from Czechoslovakia. One of the best early tomatoes, this is among the earliest. Perfect for gardeners in northern climates. Excellent flavour for an early type; these produce lots of red, small to medium sized fruit over a very long season. Highly popular in areas with short summers.

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Cherry, Indeterminate	Tommy Toe	Edible Earth	This variety originated in the Ozarks in the 1900s. It produces well over the course of the growing season, and is resistant to black rot and early blight. Fruits are about 1" in diameter.
Cherry, Determinate	Washington Cherry	Scott Tregear	Developed at Washington State University for doing well in cooler climates. Plants produce well with larger cherry tomatoes that keep well on or off the vine.
Cherry, Bush	Wild Cherry	VSL Member?	Small tomatoes with a high sugar content. Great for salsa or eating out of hand.
Salad, indeterminate	Yellow Perfection	Edible Earth Seeds	Originally from England, this tomatoe dates back to the 1890s. Plants produce thin-skinned, 2-3" fruits that are low in acid.