



Irish Seed Savers

Protecting Ireland's food crop heritage for future generations



Seed Catalogue 2024

An Introduction to Seed Saving Workshop



Saving seeds is an important and fun skill that anyone can learn how to do.

Join this one day workshop for some practical experience harvesting seeds in the Irish Seed Savers organic gardens and class room based learning.

Participants on this course will learn basic botanical and taxonomy of food crops and the essential skills to:

- Harvest and save seed from vegetable crops and flowers
- Plan for growing seed
- Select, harvest, dry and store seed

Delivered by Irish Seed Savers, this course is suitable for all gardeners, GIY groups, community gardens and teachers.

'Absolutely fabulous course to generate an interest and knowledge to get started at seed saving. Love the content and brilliant delivery.'

'This was a very informative workshop. Our tutor has a vast knowledge and experience and delivered the course in a very interesting informative way. I have learned so much on this course. I would hugely recommend it.'

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Irish Wildflower



Irish Heritage Collection



Annual



Biennial



Perennial

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Vegetable Seeds **€3.50** | Flower Seeds **€3.75**

Order processing time is approximately **2-5** business days

Explore our 2024 Seed Catalogue!

On behalf of everyone at Irish Seed Savers it is my pleasure to present to you our new seed catalogue for 2024!

We hope you enjoy browsing these pages with the hope of a new growing season ahead, where you get to choose from the wonderful heritage seed varieties that we have lovingly grown, nurtured and cultivated here in east Clare and beyond. A special shout out as always to our network of seed growers around the country, without whom we would not be able to offer you such choice and diversity.

The ability to grow our own food and to save our own seeds must never be taken for granted. There is always great risk involved in growing food, as history has taught us. Food and seed production is threatened from many sources, be they climate change, ensuing pests and pathogens, political upheavals, legislative changes and big business to name but a few.

Summer 2023 in Ireland, saw the warmest June on record (on land and at sea) and the wettest July on record with 17 weather stations having over 200% of their Long-Term Average (LTA) monthly rainfall. Fluctuating temperatures and adverse weather conditions make it much more challenging to save seed. It's not just the growing of the plants, but the harvesting and drying of the seed. It's imperative that we grow, breed and save locally adapted, open-pollinated varieties that are hardy enough to withstand exposure to climate change impacts such as droughts and flooding.

In last year's seed catalogue, I was extolling the virtues of the many varieties of pulses we had to offer, this year we (and many others) have been affected by fungal diseases on some of our beans and peas, due to the very wet conditions. It's a good thing that we saved plenty of beans and peas in the last few years or the choices this year could be very few indeed.

We have of course protocols in place for such problems, clearing and destroying affected plant material and sowing green manures (like mustard) to fumigate the soil etc. We all need to be on the alert

and ready to spot the tell-tale signs of plant pathogens and to educate ourselves further on how to increase our biosecurity so that we can protect our crops, our soil, our biodiversity and our seeds.

Despite the challenges, we celebrate lots of successes. We are delighted to offer you an array of wonderful varieties from our Heritage Irish Collection including; the productive and uniform 'Irish Glacier' Brussels sprout, Sweet 'Daniel O'Rourke' and 'Irish Green' peas, the notably Irish bred long-keeping 'Buan' onion in addition to 'Best of All' and 'Tipperary Turnip' swedes. There are fifteen varieties of tomatoes to choose from in a rainbow of colours and types to suit everyone's taste (Cherry, Beefsteak, Roma, Plum and Pear). We have also had great achievements with cucumbers this year and have four lovely varieties to tickle your tastebuds. A word of thanks to long-time supporters Steve Stymes and Eva Staiger in East Clare for saving and donating the lovely 'Suyo Long' cucumber on our catalogue, they have been growing and saving this variety for over a decade.

As the trusted provider of quality Irish-grown, organic, open-pollinated seeds in Ireland since 1991, we hope these healthy, resilient and adaptable vegetable, herbs and flower seeds thrive and provide for you in your gardens and on your plates. We love to hear from you on your successes, challenges, news and views so please do keep in touch at info@irishseedsavers.ie or by post.

Wishing you all a healthy and successful growing season ahead!

In seed solidarity,

Deirdre Morrissey
Seed Bank Curator



The People Behind our Heritage Seed Production and Processing



A very high percentage of the vegetable and flower seeds on the market in Ireland today are imported, re-packaged and branded as if they were Irish.

Irish-grown and produced vegetable seeds are pretty rare. Add organic and open-pollinated to Irish-grown seed and you've found a valuable treasure. Not only are these seeds capable of reproduction (save and sow your own!) but they are also locally adapted to our environment so they have a higher chance of doing well and producing resilient food crops and seeds. At Irish

Seed Savers we have been growing open-pollinated and organic seed crops for over 32 years. Our highly-skilled gardeners and seed guardians expertly cultivate our crops from sowing in spring to harvest in autumn so that we can offer you a large array of high quality, vibrant seed. Our work would not be possible without the skills and dedication of a wide range of people: staff, volunteers and seed guardians who have played a vital role in bringing you the wonderful collection of seeds that grace our 2024 Seed Catalogue.

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Needless to say, the staff of the Seed Gardens and Seed Bank could not successfully function without the back up and support of the rest of our wonderful team at ISSA.

Here's to a bountiful 2024 and the continued growth of our seed-saving community!

ACHOCHA

Cyclanthera pedata

Lady's Slipper (Vigorous Climber)



A very vigorous vining plant, related distantly to cucumbers, but much easier to cultivate. It thrives in cool summers, and can be grown outdoors or indoors. The vines should be given supports and planted about 1m apart to provide plenty of growing space. Its abundant little green fruits grow in pairs, and picked young, taste similar to cucumbers and young French beans. The fruit can be eaten fresh, pickled in brine or vinegar, stir-fried in oil, or stuffed and braised. Pick fruits while young; if left to mature they will eventually burst open to reveal a spine of black woody seeds within.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 4

SUPPORTER ONLY



BEANS - BROAD BEAN

Vicia faba

Pónaire leathan



Gifted to us by a Hungarian supporter with little more than 'Bob' on the packet, we were intrigued by this little bean. After some research, we discovered that 'Bób' is the Polish word for broad bean, and that these small-sized beans are often used in a traditional 'Bób Salatki' or broad bean salad. The robust plants produce beans that resemble the 'Windsor' type, having shorter pods and round, smaller beans. Delicious tossed with olive oil and fresh herbs in a traditional 'Bób Salatki' for a light, protein-rich dish.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 15



Martock A

This robust landrace bean has references as far back as 1293 in English manorial account rolls. It is an attractive plant, with lovely purple/maroon mottled flowers. The pods of the beans are small but extremely numerous, containing delicious small, brown, meaty, delicious beans, used fresh or kept for drying.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 20



Oldamster Wierdeboon A

A Dutch heritage variety from the Groningen province. It produces unusual pure-white fragrant flowers, followed by medium-sized pods containing tender beans that grow up the whole stem. We trialled this variety over a very cold winter in the tunnel and it produced well, though equally good results come from a spring sowing.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 20

SUPPORTER ONLY



BEANS - FRENCH BEAN

Phaseolus vulgaris

Pónaire Fhrancach

Burpees Stringless (Dwarf) A

A classic green bean grown for its medium-sized, succulent, stringless green pods. The waxy, slightly curved pods grow abundantly in clusters on the plant. Tolerates heat and drought. Good for freezing.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 30



Contender (Dwarf) A

This popular green bean variety produces slim, straight, stringless, succulent pods, between 15-18cm in length. The compact and bushy plants are fast producers, with an abundance of pods available reliably early in the season. Good for freezing.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 30

SUPPORTER ONLY



Domatsu (Climbing)

Bred by Alan Kapular and brought to us by our seed ambassadors visiting from Oregon a few years back, this variety has been described as 'beautiful, vigorous and prolific'. The tender green beans are mild and delicious, and the mature bean seeds make a delicious addition to stews.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 30



Duchess de Chambord - Hungarian Rice Bean (Dwarf)

This unusual heirloom, dating back to the 1870s, can be grown for its tender, juicy green pods, or its dried mature beans. The rich, tasty dried beans are small and white, giving this variety its 'rice bean' name. The bushy plants may require staking.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 30

SUPPORTER ONLY



Golden Rain (Dwarf)

This prolific dwarf variety produces uniform plants with lovely yellow pods and wonderfully golden/brown beans when mature. The young pods can be steamed or stir-fried, and the mature beans can be cooked up in soups or stews.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 30



Jacobs Cattle Gold (Dwarf)

This high-yielding bush variety has typically been grown as a drying bean, with beautiful gold and white patches of colour developing on the mature beans. Originally grown by the Passamaquoddy people of Maine, this is an excellent winter storage bean, perfect for soups and stews.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 30

SUPPORTER ONLY



Mourne Grange (Climbing)

A heritage bean that has been in our collection since 2005. Grown and selected by gardeners at Mourne Grange (Camphill Community, in Co. Down). They had been growing it out successfully for more than 15 years when we received it.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 30



Mr Ferns (Climbing)

This variety has impressed market gardeners, as it thrives and is a prolific producer even in a poor summer. Originally donated by a supporter as one of his favourites, this easy-to-grow variety has beautiful pink flowers and tender green pods that contain bean seeds that turn dark purple/black when mature.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 30



Nance (Semi-vining, drying)

This treasured American heirloom is a semi-vining green bean variety, producing beautiful pink flowers and delicious sweet, slender pods. The mature beans, which can be saved for drying, are a beautiful creamy white colour with dark brown speckles. A productive and vigorous variety.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 30



Necker Queen (Climbing)

A robust and high-yielding early climbing variety. Green, round, stringless pods producing creamy white beans. Performs well in poorer weather conditions.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 30



Pams Speckled (Climbing)

Originally from China, this variety was donated to us by supporter Pam from Wales, who has saved this beautiful bean for 20 years. The pods are streaked dark purple-red against light green, making them a highly decorative plant as well as being delicious to eat.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 30

SUPPORTER ONLY



True Red Cranberry (Climbing) A

A very old variety believed to be of native American origin, these stunning red beans are a wonderful baking bean, perfect for chilli as they don't disintegrate like other beans. They not only feed the body but the senses too as their deep red cranberry colour and their round shape are truly alluring.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 30



Yin Yang (Dwarf) A

This heirloom from Mexico is sometimes called the Orca bean. This semi-vining variety is highly versatile, grown both as a fresh green bean and the most beautiful dry bean with the characteristic yin yang symbol: half white, half black with a reverse dot on each. They are perfect for winter casseroles and stews. These compact, drought-resistant plants are very productive with many short pods developing throughout the season.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 30



BEANS - RUNNER BEAN

Phaseolus coccineus

Pónaire Reatha

Ceredigion A

Given to us by Pam Savidge in Wales, who describes the bean as "A variety usually grown in West Wales, they have survived many a bad summer. I have saved my seed since 1961 when I was given seed by a neighbour who was in his 80s. He was given the seed by his grandfather, a stonemason that mended church spires." What a wonderful history. This variety has grown outstandingly well outdoors at Capparoe this summer, giving beautiful, long, slender beans pods that contain gorgeous pink and black bean seeds when mature.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 15



Muesboni A

This heritage German runner bean is a vigorous, reliable, early cropper. It produces bright red flowers followed by reasonably stringless beans.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 15



BEETROOT

Beta vulgaris

Meacan biatais

Cylindra Formanova B

A wonderful heirloom from Denmark, famous for slicing with long cylindrical roots. This tender and sweet variety with dark red flesh is also known as 'Butter Slicer' or 'Cooks Delight' because of its wonderful texture.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 300



Feuer Kugel B

A rare, smooth-skinned variety from Switzerland, the name translates to 'fire ball' in German. Described as being bolt resistant, and having spectacular, tender, ball-shaped roots with fantastic mild flavour. Very successful and absolutely delicious.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 300



Rotunda B

This globe-shaped beetroot gets its name from the Italian word 'rotonda' meaning 'round'. Even when the roots grow quite large they maintain their juicy sweetness, with a distinct earthy flavour. These beets are especially good roasted and store well.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 300



Runde Kugel

'Runde Kugel' translates from German simply as 'round ball'. Deep red in colour with a delicious fruity and mild taste. Particularly good raw in salads.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 300



Touchstone Gold

This vigorous, quick-growing, brilliant yellow beet was developed by being rebred from old seed stocks. The round, golden roots have smooth skin and delicious, sweet-flavoured, bright yellow flesh. The colour keeps well, even when cooked. It's also a delight in salads.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 300



BROCCOLI

Brassica oleraceae var italica

Broccailí

Purple Sprouting Broccoli – Late (Sprouting)



A beautiful plant to have in any garden, this variety is a prolific producer of succulent, deep purple broccoli spears. When sown in late spring or early summer the tasty spears can be harvested from February the following year.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



Verdante Calabrese (Calabrese / Headed)



This variety of Italian origin can be grown all through summer, or, if sown in August, in a cool tunnel for a winter/spring harvest. It produces a decent-sized head and will continue to grow side shoots for several weeks after the main head is harvested. This calabrese is tender and delicious, perfect lightly steamed or roasted.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



BRUSSELS SPROUTS

Brassica oleracea var. gemmifera

Bachlóg Bhruiséile

Irish Glacier



This variety, once very popular with commercial growers, was given to us by the Wellsbourne gene bank. Barry Murphy, who bred the original from a farm collection of Irish brassicas, describes it as an outstanding variety, with small tight sprouts and good for freezing. The plants are very neat and uniform.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 300



BUTTERNUT SQUASH

Cucurbita moschata

Scuais imchnó

Waltham



This is a vigorous and dependable variety, producing between four and seven fruits per vine. The lightly tanned, smooth skinned, bottle-shaped fruits have fine-textured, golden orange flesh. Exceptionally good keepers, this variety is perfect for storage if you can resist cooking up the fruits straightaway. The fruit have a small seed cavity with a low seed count, so it's well worth saving your own!

Average Seeds Per Pack: 10

SUPPORTER ONLY



CABBAGE

Brassica oleraceae

Cabáiste

Mayo Common (Green Cabbage)



The seed for this cabbage came from a project in the 1980s that involved collecting 'on-farm saved' seed crop varieties. This particular 'common' or large headed Dutch-type came from farms in Knocknakillew, near Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo. Sown in late spring it produces mighty heads, light green in colour. It over-wintered well, in fact some heads were still compact and harvestable well into the following season!

Average Seeds Per Pack: 250



Sean Flynn's Westmeath Greens



(Cut and Come)

Grown originally by Sean Flynn of Killucan/Cloughan, Co. Westmeath, we trialled this cut-and-come variety in 2020. A medium-sized cabbage, with a lightly crinkled, semi-flat green leaf. The flavour is mild and delicious, producing plenty of leaves throughout the season.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 250



Shetland (Green Cabbage/Loose Head)

B

This is the oldest known local vegetable variety in Scotland, grown on the Shetland Isles since as far back as the 1500s. Due to the extreme weather on the Shetlands, the cabbage seeds were planted in "Plantie Crubs" (small circular stone-walled enclosures) before transplanting into larger fields, which were also enclosed in stone walls. This rare cabbage grew beautifully on a windy hillside in Clare, hardy right through the winter. The heads of this variety are quite open, the green leaves tinged a beautiful pink-purple, deepening as winter progresses. The outer leaves were traditionally used as animal feed. The cabbage itself has a distinctive peppery taste that was once a prized ingredient of mutton stew on the Northern Isles.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 250



CARROT

Daucus carota

Cairéid, Meacan dearg

Beta III (Orange root)



This variety has medium-sized, tapering, dark orange-red roots, with no hard core. Particularly delicious when eaten young and small, and good for freezing. Bred in US to have an especially high carotene content - three times the norm.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 700



Johns Purple (Purple root)

This wonderful variety has been selected from a bunch of orange carrots by John Purves in Oxford in the 1970s. Over time he obtained a pure line of purple roots, quite beautiful and unique, crisp and extremely flavoursome.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 700



Kuttiger (White root)

Kuttiger is an old-type white carrot, first established in Europe in the 15th century. Now quite scarce, these types were very commonly grown until the introduction of orange carrots. With its snowy-white colour, broad shoulders, and stocky shape, this variety could be mistaken for a parsnip in appearance, though in taste it still has the mild and subtly earthy flavour of a carrot.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 700



Manpuku-Ji Onaga (Orange root)

Manpuku-Ji is a temple located in Uji, Kyoto-Japan, and Onaga translates from Japanese as 'having a long tail'. This striking, long-rooted orange carrot prefers good deep soil to grow at its best. Good for late sowings up to end of June. Very sweet flavour, especially good in Japanese miso soup.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 700

SUPPORTER ONLY



Touchon (Orange root)

This variety is an old French heirloom from the 19th century. The roots of this Nantes type are crisp, sweet and juicy, with a deep orange colour. It is ideal for bunching and storing.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 700



CELERIAC

Apium graveolens var. rapaceum

Soiliriac

Giant Prague

A variety that goes back to 1871, this is a great winter vegetable with good sized, globed roots and creamy-white flesh. Very tasty in soups and stews or even roasted, with a distinctive 'celery' flavour.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 500



CELERY

Apium graveolens

Soilire

Redventure

A beautiful and unusual variety with distinctive red stalks and bright green leaves. This robust celery, more tender and juicy than might be expected from a red variety, is lovely addition to the garden. The stunning burgundy stalks are perfect in soups and salads, and retain their colour even after cooking.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 500



CHARD/LEAF BEET

Beta vulgaris

Biatas Bán

Bright Lights

This lovely rainbow chard produces a bounty of colourful stems, topped with large green and bronze leaves. Each plant reaches about 50cm in height and 40cm in spread. The leaves can be harvested from mid-summer to late autumn, and the plants can even be overwintered to provide a fresh crop in the spring. The flavour is deliciously mild, with young leaves suitable for salads and larger leaves perfect for soups and sautéing.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



Luccullus

This variety is of Italian heritage and was named after the Roman General 'Lucius Luccullus', renowned for his splendid banquets and vast gardens some 2000 years ago. It was introduced in 1914 and won the RHS Award of Garden Merit. Quite hardy through the winter, with heavily 'crimped', bright, lush green leaves and white stalks that are almost like asparagus when cooked. Young flowering stalks in spring can be eaten like sprouting broccoli. It has the seal of approval from 'Scoil Chroi', in Galway who shared that "Lucullus was a big hit with students of all ages, they loved it, devouring it raw".

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



Midnight Madness

This visually stunning and delicious chard is from an organic seed company in 'Ontario, Canada'. Gorgeous deep burgundy leaves and deep purple and orange stalks are plentiful throughout the growing season. A lovely addition to salads and soups.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



CHILLI PEPPER

Capsicum annuum

Piobar

Rezha Macadonia (Hot Pepper)

This attractive chilli produces long tapering fruit, up to 2.5cm wide and 19cm long. The plants grow very well in Capparoe, producing plenty of fruit throughout late summer and well into autumn. The fruits have characteristic 'corking', with light-brown striations contrasting beautifully against the deep red skin. In intensity the fruit ranges from medium to hot, and is deeply flavourful.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 25



Rocoto (Hot Pepper)



A rare variety originally from Peru, this chilli is a mainstay of native peoples on both sides of the Andes. Its high pungency has given rise to regional names like 'levanta muertos' (raising the dead) or 'gringo huanuchi' (gringo killer). It scores 7-8 (out of 10) on the Scoville Scale invented to test the 'fire' of chilli peppers. A fantastic cropper producing lots of vibrant red, round fruit. It is also one of the most cold tolerant capsicum varieties and produces plenty of seed for saving!

Average Seeds Per Pack: 25



CORN

Zea mays

Arbhar milis

Clay Pot Corn (Maize type)



This maize corn variety gets its name from the clay pots that the seed was found in. The history of this corn goes back to the Anasazi people some 500 years ago, with this seed coming originally from Hopi elders. It grew very high in the tunnel, providing large colourful cobs with kernels in stunning shades of violet and black to shades of red, yellow, gold and cream. As this variety is a maize type, it is more suited for grinding into flour than eating as a sweet 'corn on the cob'.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 26

SUPPORTER ONLY



Painted Mountain (Maize type)



This variety carries a wide range of genetic diversity, thus adapting well to different climates and soils. The cobs are multicoloured with reds, yellows, creams, browns and purples to delight the senses. The corn can be eaten young and fresh as cobs or used to grind corn meal when mature.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 26



True Gold (Sweetcorn type)



A variety of sweetcorn that has been selected from a 1955 hybrid and which is now open-pollinated. Described as an 'old fashioned' corn that will transform any plate to a luxurious meal. A late-season corn that delivers tender, sweet, rich, delicious golden cobs up to 3 per plant.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 26



COURGETTE

Cucurbita pepo

Cúiréireachta

Blanche de Virginie



A French heirloom, this productive variety has small, pale-green fruit. 'Carpaccio' is a great way to enjoy this fruity-flavoured gem of a courgette – cut into thin vertical slices, marinated with olive oil, lemon, salt and pepper and grilled briefly on both sides. Garnish with fresh coriander.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 10



Gene Bank Courgette-Marrow



We had seven seeds in a packet from a German gene bank, dated 1999 with the place of origin given as Sweden, the description 'vegetable marrow'. The plants grew amazingly well, quickly covering an entire bed in the tunnel with their small, tasty courgettes, though this crop comes into its own as the more traditional marrow.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 10

SUPPORTER ONLY



Genovese



Light stripy green fruits. Good flavour and very creamy. An early, productive courgette.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 10



Striato D'Italia

A classic Italian variety, the plants form a bush which remains compact through the growing season. This is a very productive cropper, producing fruits well into October here in Capparoe. The fruits display distinctive long, alternating olive and deep-green stripes, which become more prominent as the fruits mature. The courgettes have a delicious fresh flavour, smooth skin, and flesh that remains nice and firm when cooked

Average Seeds Per Pack: 10



Syrian White

This variety came to us via a Syrian refugee. The young courgettes are pale green, almost white. The small and delicious fruits retain good flavour as they mature. Highly successful outdoor crop.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 10



CUCUMBER

Cucumis sativus

Cúcamar

Haskoy

This unusual variety comes from a village in the Pontic mountains of Turkey. The cucumbers are perfect for salads or pickling. Approximately 10cm long, and green with slight white striping. Compact plants, not as tall or sprawling as other varieties.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 16



Shintokiwa

A long Japanese burpless type, tender and sweet even when large. This productive and delicious variety needs to be grown with protection.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 16



Suyo Long

SUPPORTER ONLY

An amazingly hardy Chinese variety. Grows exceptionally long fruit up to 50-60cm long but retains a lovely fresh flavour, crisp and tender flesh, which does not get bitter. Definitely one for the cucumber lover, keeps fruiting all summer. Sincere thanks to Steve Stymes and Eva Staiger in East Clare who kindly donated this seed to us. They rate this variety highly and have been growing and saving the seeds for over 10 years.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 16



Wautoma

Early and productive stripy green cucumber, originally bred in the US. Quick to set fruit and not at all bitter. The fruit can be harvested when small for pickles or left to grow as a short slicing cucumber. Good disease resistance.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 16



FLAX/LINSEED

Linum usitatissimum

Líon

Crown

Repatriated from the Vavilov Institute for Plant Genetic Resources in Russia by Irish Seed Savers, this is an Irish bred flax variety of note. Referenced by Dr. GDH Bell (Cambridge) in his book „Cultivated Plants of the Farm’ 1948, he explained that „pre 1940’s the flax grown for the United Kingdom, by Ireland, had been of Russian and Dutch origin. Breeding work commenced on these stocks by mass selection and were an improvement on the originals but they were subsequently given place to the Irish bred varieties, the best of which include the variety Liral Crown”. Flax is grown both for its nutritional seeds and for its fibers. Various parts of the plant have been used in the past to make fabric, dye, paper, medicines, fishing nets, soap, and bowstrings. It is also grown as an ornamental plant in gardens for it’s exquisite ethereal mauve/blue flowers. Grows to 60cm, five seed heads per plant.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 300





This variety was repatriated from the Vavilov Institute for Plant Genetic Resources in Russia, and, as is the norm with most gene banks, background information is scant and we haven't been able to locate any references to this particular variety to-date. We have however unearthed the root of the expression „tow-head“ or „toe-head,“ which was used to describe a person with blond hair; it comes from the name for the fine, oft-tangled fibers left behind in the hackles, when processing flax into linen! The familiar wispy blue flowers of this variety transform into beautiful golden orbs full of plump, nutritious seeds. It's very easy to grow and to save the seeds if you're happy to share some with the birds who have that inherent ability to determine the optimum time for seed maturation! Grows to 80cm, five seed heads per plant.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 300



Northern Princess



An Irish Flax cultivar presumed from the North of Ireland, repatriated from the Vavilov Institute for Plant Genetic Resources in Russia c2000. This variety has been successfully regenerated four-fold since it arrived in our care; Here at Capparoe, and also grown as part of an on-farm trial in Kilkenny, at Airfield Estate in Dundrum, Dublin and by Helen Keys and Charlie Mallon as part of their regenerative farming practices at Mallon Farm where they have grown, processed and woven the flax (with other varieties) by hand to create precious pieces of history. Flax is part of our deep cultural heritage and is so giving, flowers, fiber and food. Grows to 80cm, five seed heads per plant.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 300



FLOWERS

Bláthanna

Bluebells



Hyacinthoides non-scripta

Coinnle corra

These beautiful late-spring native flowers like to grow in shady conditions that mirror their classic woodland habitat, but will tolerate sunny and semi-sunny sites. Lovely, tubular, purple-blue flowers droop on top of the long racemes that emerge from April-June. Seeds are best started in pots, left to overwinter outside, and planted out in plugs in the spring.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 50

SUPPORTER ONLY



Calendula Marigold



Calendula officinalis

Calendula officinalis, also known as the pot marigold or common marigold, is a flowering plant in the daisy family. It is probably native to southern Europe, though its exact origin is unknown. It is a robust plant with bright green leaves and cheerful orange and yellow-gold flowers. The flower petals can be eaten, it is good for companion planting, and it has lots of medicinal uses.

Average Seed Per Pack: 150



Common Daisy



Nóinín

A familiar favourite for some, this charming flower is a native flower that we believe should be protected as much as the others. It can be seen in grasslands, lawns and roadsides from March-October. Brilliant white rays, sometimes tinged with pink, surround a bright yellow center. A welcome, cheerful addition to any garden. Seeds are best started in pots, left to overwinter outside, and planted out in plugs in the spring.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 100



Cosmos



SUPPORTER ONLY

Cosmos spp

Sun-loving tall stemmed, traditional cottage flowers (pink), with masses of feathery foliage. Growing up to 1m in height and blossoming from early to late summer. A firm favourite.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 25



Cowslip



SUPPORTER ONLY

Primula veris

Bainne bó bleachtáin

These charming little native flowers used to be a common sight around grassy banks and roadsides, though hopefully are making a comeback. The lovely, bright yellow flowers look like cheerful bells, nodding and clustered on hairy stems. Seeds are best started in pots, left to overwinter outside, and planted out in plugs in the spring.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 100



Echinacea (Coneflower)



SUPPORTER ONLY

Echinacea purpurea

Perfect for cottage-style gardens or herbaceous borders. Also known as purple coneflower. A member of the Daisy family, the large pink/purple petals surround a deep brown cone and are stunning in drifts. Very attractive to pollinators.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 50



Elecampane



Inula helenium

This striking perennial has bright and cheery yellow, sunflower-like flowers, around 5-8cm in width. Quite a substantial shrub, coming in at nearly 2m tall, with bright green, wide leaves. Best grown alone in the sun but can cope with partial shady conditions, a lovely, dramatic flower to grow. Seeds are best started in pots, left to overwinter outside, and planted out in plugs in the spring.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 50



Evening Primrose



Oenothera

Beautiful yellow, bowl-shaped, flowers along a tall spike. Blooming from June to September. They release a light fragrance in the evening and are very attractive to nighttime pollinators including moths. A tall plant that self-seeds readily.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 100



Foxglove



Digitalis purpurea

Lus mór

This striking native wildflower loves the edge of shady places - hedgerows banks, woodlands, mountains and moors. An elegant plant with dozens of purple, inner-speckled, tubular flowers that cluster around a tall stem, reaching 1.5m in height. As a biennial, the plants will produce foliage in their first year, with the magical flowering spikes developing in the second.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 100



Great Mullein



Verbascum thapsus

Coinnle Muire

An imposing and statuesque native plant (up to 2 meters in height). In its 1st year, it produces large velvety basal leaves. In the second year, we are treated to a stunning single spike full of beautiful, small yellow flowers. In times gone by the leaves were dried, rolled and smoked and the seedheads were dipped in wax and used as candles, hence it's Irish name Coinnle Muire / Mary's Candle.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 100



Giant Yellow Sunflower A

Helianthus annuus

Lus na gréine

Just as it says on the tin... A wonderful giant yellow sunflower. A ray of sunshine in any garden. Kindly donated to us from Brian Faulkner, Co. Limerick.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 15



Grandmothers Sweetwilliam P

Dianthus barbatus

An early-flowering variety, coming to us from Vermont, USA. A lovely bright and fragrant mix in shades of pinks, purples and whites. Long, firm stems make it an ideal cut flower throughout summer. A short-lived perennial.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 350



Hopi Red Dye (Amaranth) A

Amaranthus cruentus

This plant came from the Hopi people of Arizona and New Mexico, and is so-called because the stems were used to make a food colouring for their 'Piki' bread. The leaves can be used like spinach, and are an excellent source of many vitamins and minerals. The plants can grow up to 1.4m, the flowers a vibrant, rich, deep red, making a stunning display as they hang in cascades 30-60cm long. Because of its height, this lovely plant benefits from some staking.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 600



Ox Eye Daisy



Leucanthemum vulgare

Nóinín mór

This large, cheerful wildflower grows to 80cm tall, with flowerheads 25-50mm in diameter. The flowers consist of soft yellow centres, surrounded by bright white rays. A dramatic and lovely native plant to add to the garden. Seeds are best started in pots, left to overwinter outside, and planted out in plugs in the spring.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 100



Pinwheel Marigold



Tagetes patula

Given to us by 'Peace Seeds' in Oregon, USA, these plants provide an absolutely stunning display of dark red, orange and yellow concentric-striped flowers, blooming in vivid profusion from May to October. Tall plants up to 1m high, with the pungent 'tagetes' smell that can help to put off pests.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 150



Poppy Mix



Papaver

Poipín

This is a mix of poppies in various shades of colour: pink, magenta, mauve and purple. Some have frilly petals or double blooms! Easy to grow, this flower is best direct sown. Self-seeds easily if the stunning mature seed heads have been left to develop.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 1000



Purple Poppy



Papaver spp

Poipín corcra

A large, handsome and cheery poppy, with lilac petals that form dark patches at the base. The leaves are lobed and wrinkled, the stems a beautiful bluish green. They produce large seed capsules, and the attractive seed heads make great additions to dried flower arrangements. Super easy to save the seeds.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 1200



Ragged Robin



Silene flos cuculi

Lus síoda

A delightful native flower with pink, deeply divided petals giving it a ragged look. Its name in Irish translates to Silk plant (Lus síoda) and favours fens and marshy areas. It was thought that picking the flowers and bringing them indoors would result in thunder. It is no longer as common as it once was due to modern farming methods such as draining wetlands so if you have moisture-retentive soil (in full sun), then this one's for you. Also attractive to pollinators.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 100

SUPPORTER ONLY



Red Campion



Silene dioica

Coireán coilleach

This lovely tall flower likes shadier conditions such as hedgerows, woods and grassy banks. The attractive, pink-red, 5-petalled flowers are 2-3cm across and bloom from May to September. The plants themselves can grow quite large – from 30cm to 1m in height. Seeds are best started in pots, left to overwinter outside, and planted out in plugs in the spring. As this species is dioecious (with male and female flowers on separate plants) it is important to grow out both males and females if you want the plants to self-seed (which they do readily!), or otherwise select only males to limit the spread.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 100



Ruby Regis



Lavatera var.

Our seed for this variety came from 'Bôte de Graines' a seed company in France where our former staff member Flora Barteau now works. It is a stunning upright bushy annual with masses of deep-veined, funnel-shaped, bright pink blooms.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 50



St. Johns Wort



Hypericum perforatum

Lus na Maighdine Muire

A perennial plant growing up to 1 meter with bright yellow star-like flowers. Used in traditional medicine since at least the first century AD as a cure all.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 100

SUPPORTER ONLY



Strawberry Calendula Marigold



Lovely light pink and cream flowers with ruby centers. The flower from midsummer through to the Autumn. Beautiful as cut flowers or for posies. Pollinator friendly.

Average Seed Per Pack: 100

SUPPORTER ONLY

Sunflower Mix



Helianthus annuus

Lus na gréine

The perfect choice for any sunflower lovers this mix of white and black seed will attract a lovely crowd of pollinators and provide blooms all summer long. Leave to ripen and mature for your own supply of seeds for next year.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 15



Sweetpea A

Lathyrus odoratus

Pis milis

This tall, climbing sweet pea has traditional old-fashioned mix of pink, white, mauve and purple colours and that most lovely evocative fragrance. Best given support to get the most out of this lovely flower. Easy to save seeds.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 20



Tewkesbury Woad (Dye Plant) B

Isatis tinctoria

Coill

Woad has been used for centuries to obtain a blue dye. Though the extraction process is elaborate, it is easy to grow this ancient plant and, as nature and culture writer Richard Mabey says, 'it's worth having in the garden'. An attractive plant with 1m high stems, long, succulent, blueish leaves that shine like stained glass, and foamy clusters of brilliant-yellow flowers.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 160



Tobacco A

Nicotiana tabacum

Tobacco plant, *Nicotiana*, has become a popular bedding plant in recent years. This lovely variety is especially tall-growing, with broad, luscious leaves and crowned with many pink-white trumpet-shaped flowers.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 100



Weld (Dye Plant) B

Reseda luteola

Buí mór

A statuesque biennial. Tall spikes with small pale yellow flowers. Blooms appear in early June. An ancient dye plant used by the Romans to colour vestal robes.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 100



HERBS

Luibheanna

Alexanders



Smyrniolus satrum

Lusrán grándubh

Widely naturalised in Ireland, this fragrant herb was introduced prior to 1500 AD from the Mediterranean and has been cultivated as a pot herb. In the same family as wild celery, its leaves can be eaten when young in salads or as greens, and the seeds can be dried and used as a spice like black pepper.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 25

SUPPORTER ONLY



Angelica



Angelica archangelica

Gallfheabhacán

A herb taking its name from an angel who revealed its virtues of protection from infection to a monk. It is a biennial, though often lives longer, and can grow to a height of 2m. A statuesque plant which is easy to grow, prefers damp ground and self-seeds readily. All parts of this lovely plant are subtly aromatic and have both medicinal and culinary uses. It is often cooked with tart fruits like rhubarb, helping to reduce the acidity. The seeds are used in biscuits, and both seed and root are ingredients in some liqueurs.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 100



Coriander (Confetti)



Coriandrum sativum

Lus an choiré

This is a unique variety with fine, feathery bright green foliage. It gives all the distinctive taste and aroma of coriander with an especially sweet fragrance. The leaves can be used in soups and salads, and the mature seeds can be saved as a spice.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 150



Coriander (Gil Gil)

Coriandrum sativum

Lus an choire

A hardy annual, with characteristic pungent leaves used in salads, curries and pickles. This variety was bought to us from the 'Kenyan Seed Savers', very vigorous and easy to grow. For a constant supply sow direct, sparsely and often from early spring onwards.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 150



Dill (Sweet Mona's)

Anethum graveolens

Lus mín

This lovely herb produces clear lemon-yellow flower heads, which are highly attractive to insects. It is very easy to grow, and its fern-like, aromatic leaves are perfect for salads, with fish, pickles and sauces. The seeds can also be harvested and used for flavouring, particularly along with gherkins.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



Parsley (Yerevan)

Petroselinum crispum

Peirsil

A hardy landrace parsley from an Armenian market place (as the name suggests, Yerevan being the capital of Armenia). Flat-leaved, with great flavour and large clumps. We grew the plants outside and were able to harvest leaves from this hardy variety all through winter.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



Sweet Cicely

Myrrhis odorata

Sweet Cicely is an attractive plant found in hedgerows and perfect for the herb garden. Umbels of tiny white flowers appear from spring to early summer. The fern-like leaves smell of liquorice or aniseed when crushed.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 20

SUPPORTER ONLY



KALE

Brassica oleracea var. acephala

Cál

Blue Curled Scotch

This heirloom variety produces delicious and beautiful blue-green crinkled leaves. It is compact and very cold-hardy. Commonly eaten boiled as greens, it can also be chopped fresh for salads when young.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



Couve Galega

A tender Galician Kale variety. Used traditionally as an early green for a Spring soup by cutting it into thin strips.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



East Friesian Palm

This rare landrace kale from the Friesland area of northern Germany can no longer be found in commercial catalogues. "Highly praised and almost gone", according to grower Reinhard Lühring, "In the shade of the East Friesen Palm we cannot stroll under the southern sun, but we enjoy the green all winter long". A very tall curly kale that can be harvested from late summer all the way through the winter and into the following spring.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



Red Russian

B.napus

A very tender and tasty Russian heritage variety. Big oak shaped leaves develop a beautiful red tinge, especially as the cold season develops. Exceptionally resistant to cold weather, this hardy variety is a beautiful and reliable plant to have in the garden.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



Thousand Headed

Also known as 'Branching Borecole', this productive variety originated in the west of France, with records dating it as far back as 1865. Growing as large as 1m high, this is an easy-to-grow, plain-leaf kale with wide spreading foliage. Particularly suited to our climate, this reliable kale is hardy and very tolerant of poor soils. Supporter Hilary Killops suggests eating it 'lightly steamed, and served with a sauce of yoghurt and a little chilli pepper.'

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



KOHLRABI

Brassica oleracea Gongylodes Group

Cálráib

Superschmelz

A German heritage variety of champion size, originally from Schmeltz. Rich soil and plenty of space is required for this mammoth vegetable, which can reach up to 8kg over a long season. The colour is white to light-green and despite its large size, this kohlrabi remains tender and buttery-soft.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



LEEK

Allium ampeloprasum

Cainneann

Bleu de Solaise

A French heirloom variety dating back to the 19th Century. Very hardy, holding well over the winter, medium long shafts, sweet flavour, the blue/green leaves turn a beautiful violet colour in very cold weather.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 250

SUPPORTER ONLY



Early Market

This ex-commercial variety is of very early maturing, making it particularly suitable for autumn use, though it can hold overwinter too. It has light green leaves, straight shanks and good flavour. Ideal for soups, stews and roasting.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 250

SUPPORTER ONLY



Monstrueux D'Elbeuf

A traditional French cultivar, grown originally in the alluvial plains of the Seine River in Normandy. It has quite short, wide, chunky stems, and lovely bright green foliage. Good for autumn harvesting, this flavoursome leek is well worth growing.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 250



Verdonnet

Originally from Switzerland, this old landrace was selected and bred by a Swiss farmer. We shared the seeds of this variety with our friends at Adaptive Seeds in the Pacific Northwest of the USA, where they have been undertaking leek trials. This reliable leek has good large stalks, dark green leaves and is hardy through winter.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 250



LETTUCE

Lactuca sativa

Leitís

Brown Gold Ring

(Cos/Romaine type)

Won an award of merit from the RHS 1923. A deliciously tasting variety with more substance than modern Cos varieties. Hardy, it can be overwintered with little protection & has proved quite slug-resistant.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



Grandpa Admires

(Green/Loose leaf type)

A variety named for an American civil war veteran born in 1822. This lovely loose-leaved lettuce has large, crisp, juicy leaves that are light green in colour tinged with bronze. Grows well even in poor weather.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



Red Salad Bowl

(Oak-Leaf type)

A very productive and tasty oak leaf lettuce with red/green leaves. A cut and come type so pick little and often over a long period.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200

SUPPORTER ONLY



Rubin

(Red/Loose leaf type)

A Swiss 'ruby' variety, this lettuce has an upright habit and a loose head of stunning, deep maroon leaves. A reliable, cold-hardy plant, excellent as a 'cut and come' variety.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



Suzan

(Butterhead type)

This variety was sent into us by Stephen Marsh, a long-standing supporter of our work. Describing it as a 'beautiful butterhead', Stephen used to grow this variety 50 years ago when it was highly sought after. In 2016 Stephen rediscovered it in a catalogue and sent us the seeds. Big, light green, tasty heads with tightly packed fleshy hearts. It is described as a spring/summer sown type, but we sowed in early autumn and it grew fine and healthy under cover.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



Tennis Ball

(Butterhead type)

A very old variety mentioned in the book 'Les Plantes Potageres' in 1885. Quick to grow, producing small, tight rosettes of tasty light green leaves and loose heads. In 1904 it was listed by 116 seed merchants, yet now you would find it hard to buy anywhere!

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



MELON

Cucumis melo

Mealbhacán

Minnesota Midget

This lovely heirloom produces a large crop of small melons on its compact vines. The fruits, roughly 10cm in diameter, are juicy and sweet, with green skins and golden flesh. This early-maturing variety is suited to cold climates and resistant to fusarium wilt.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 30

SUPPORTER ONLY



MILLET

Panicum miliaceum

Muiléad

European  

Millet is a highly versatile crop, one of the major grains to be grown in Europe in the Middle Ages. This variety is a 'proso' or 'red' millet type, first cultivated in Asia more than 4,000 years ago. It is produced for its edible high-protein seeds, which are often consumed in flatbread and porridge or eaten like rice. We found it very easy to grow this variety in East Clare, and with its beautiful panicles of small florets and shimmering amber/orange seed it was a stunning addition to the garden.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 2000



ONION

Allium cepa

Oinniún

Buan (Brown/Yellow)   

A lovely large golden onion that grows particularly well in Ireland having been bred here by onion enthusiast Barnie Crombie who carried out onion trials up to the 1980s. It stores extremely well, lasting throughout the winter. The old Irish name 'Buan' translates to 'lasting or enduring' and this variety is aptly named! Brought back from near extinction by Irish Seed Savers when we repatriated the seed from the Vavilov Gene Bank in 1997. We have regenerated the seed on five separate occasions since then. 'Conservation-in-use' at its finest.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



Robelija (Red)  

A vigorous, robust dark red onion with round-flat bulbs. Matures quite early and is very productive, also stores very well for a red onion if kept under optimal conditions (cool, dark and dry environment).

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



Rouge de Huy

(Red)

A dark red bulb, round and slightly flat in shape. Vigorous and hardy.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



Sendai Ki Tamangei

(Brown/Yellow)

A really excellent, large Japanese Onion. Wonderful flavour and great storage properties. It even won a prize at the Clare Garden show many years ago. Sendai is a city in Japan's Tohoku Region, northeast of Tokyo on Honshu Island. Tamangi is the Japanese word for Onion and we are very grateful to Matteo Petitti, former colleague and long-time supporter for introducing this open-pollinated variety to us directly from Japan where his partner Tomomi hails from.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



Shinkinu

(Brown/Yellow)

This is a very popular overwintering onion from Japan. The big, delicious, golden bulbs of this variety store exceptionally well, up to a year. Perfect for roasting and soups.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 200



Note: Onion seeds should remain viable for up to 3 years if held in ideal conditions (a cool, dry, dark environment without fluctuating temperatures), so if you have some left over after sowing be sure to store them carefully to avoid low germination in the following year.

PARSNIP

Pastinaca sativa

Meacan Bán

Bedford Monarch

This rare English heritage variety has very large broad roots, smooth white skin, and a delicious sweet flavour. It has good resistance to canker and excellent tolerance of frosty cold weather. Because of its sweet flavour, this parsnip is especially tasty when roasted.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 1000



Hollow Crown

A long-rooted variety, between 25cm to 40cm (12in to 16in). The name 'Hollow Crown' refers to a characteristic deep dip in the head of the roots. The taste is top quality, buttery and sweet, and it mashes down to an excellent smooth texture. The history of this heritage parsnip can be traced back to 1820, and it has been grown and loved for its flavour and texture ever since.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 1000

Sutton Student

Introduced to the market in 1861, this variety was selected from wild stock and 'ennobled' by a Professor at Cirencester Agricultural College. It was then taken up by Suttons, a long-established supplier of seeds in the UK. This variety has long tapering roots of good size and a very pleasant flavour, delicious mashed or roasted.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 1000

SUPPORTER ONLY



Viceroy

A rare heritage variety, coming originally from an heirloom collection offered by 'Seeds by Size' in England. This variety has long tapering roots, is sweet to eat and very hardy.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 1000



Note: Fresh parsnip seeds need to be purchased each year due to the fact that they are short-lived and will not remain viable for more than a year.

PEAS

Pisum sativum

Pis

Ave Juan (Garden Pea)



SUPPORTER ONLY

A rare variety bred by a Catalan farmer to honour his wife. Fortunately for us, it was preserved by his grandson Jesus Bargas. This tall pea grows to 2m high and has lovely large flowers followed by pods containing an average of 10 sweet peas. Delicious straight from the plant, but if they make it to the kitchen, they retain their sweetness when frozen.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 50



Daniel O'Rourke (Garden Pea)



An Irish heritage variety, originally saved in the Vavilov Gene Bank and repatriated to Ireland. These plants grow quite tall (2m) so a strong fence is required, but you will be rewarded with prolific small pods and sweet peas, best eaten while young. Good disease resistance, the peas can also be left to mature and dry off to be used as a soup pea in winter.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 70



Fill the Bucket (Garden Pea)



An Irish pea of distinction, also known as 'Fill the basket' or even 'Fillbasket'. It is listed in the Edmonson Brothers 'Dublin Seed Catalogue' in 1921. It was sent to us by John O'Neil. His neighbours, the Christies from Tipperary town had grown and saved this variety for over 50 years. Easy to grow small plants 1-1.2m. Very productive with truly delicious peas, certainly enough to fill more than a bucket!"

Average Seeds Per Pack: 50



Irish Green (Garden Pea) A

One of our most popular varieties, repatriated from the Vavilov Gene Bank. The plants grow swiftly in our temperate climate, up to 2m tall, so need good support. They produce an abundance of delicious sweet round peas, described by many as a wonderful crop. They have good mildew resistance and are less prone to sprouting in the pod in a wet summer.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 50



Josh Toombs Purple Podded (Garden Pea) A

This wonderful heirloom pea came to us from Josh Toombs in Co. Antrim. Josh got in touch with Irish Seed Savers when he was 79 years old because he wished to share this pea with other gardeners. It had been preserved in his family for over a century. The decorative pink and mauve/purple flowers produce a classic dark purple pod. Peas are good eaten fresh when young and immature or left to dry on the plant which make an excellent storage pea.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 50



Nordland (Snow Pea/Mangetout) A

A rare snow pea variety first grown out at Irish Seed Savers in 2011. It came to us from the Seed Savers Exchange in the USA with few details. We don't know if it has some connection to Nordland in Norway, Nordland in Germany, or Nordland in the USA? What we do know from this year's grow out is that it grows tall up to 1.8m, produces a good crop of crisp, distinctly sweet mangetout, and tolerated the wet weather in Co. Clare. Best picked and eaten while young.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 50



Pilot (Garden Pea)

One of the hardiest of all varieties in cultivation. Grown since 1904, when it was awarded the Award of Merit by the Royal Horticultural Society. Also mentioned in the 'Dig for Victory' guides. Good for autumn or very early spring sowing, cropping over several weeks, with good well-filled pods.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 50



Prince Albert (Garden Pea)

This heirloom pea was introduced to England in the 1840s where it quickly became popular. 6-foot-long vines bear an abundance of pods that fill with tasty peas, able to be harvested either as a green pea or left to dry to be saved and added to soups and stews.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 50



Table Talk (Garden Pea)

This is a vigorous, thick-stemmed variety. Reaching heights of 2.5-3m, adequate support is definitely required for this robust pea. Lovely white flowers and soft marbled green leaves develop as the plant grows, giving way to a plethora of pods. Highly productive, with pods containing an average of 8 large peas developing well into the season. The peas are delicious – very sweet and crunchy when raw, softening after cooking. If you have the space, this is a highly recommended variety to grow.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 45



Thomas Laxton (Garden Pea)

Named after the famous plant biologist and pea breeder Thomas Laxton, a heritage variety dating back to the 1800s. Quite an early-maturing pea, with 7-9 peas per pod, and a long harvest season. The vines are relatively short, reaching almost 1m in height. Cold resistant and particularly suitable to a maritime climate such as ours.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 50

SUPPORTER ONLY

Twiggy (Garden Pea)



SUPPORTER ONLY

This variety hails from the 'Court of Eden Seed Savers' in Holland. Approximately 1.2m tall, this variety produces full pods, with up to 8 peas per pod. The plants are quite remarkable, with beautiful, extensively curled 'twig' like tendrils, which are beautiful for garnishing dishes. Excellent flavour.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 50



PEPPER

Capsicum annuum

Piobar

Lipstick (Sweet Pepper)



These fruits ripen to a beautiful, glossy, deep red, and are delicious both raw and cooked. A very dependable cropper, rich and sweet even in cool summers. The plants are compact but productive (equal to or better than many F1 hybrid types).

Average Seeds Per Pack: 25



Milas Bulgarian (Sweet Pepper)



This tapering variety of pepper produces beautiful, thick-walled, juicy, sweet, scarlet fruits. The plants are vigorous and productive, with tapering fruits of 10-15cm in length developing in abundance throughout the autumn. They have waxy skin which may help them to be storable for longer. These seeds came to us via Clare Island from Christophe and Ciara who had grown them in their garden tunnels.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 25



Peperone Friarello (Sweet Pepper)



This sweet and flavourful red frying pepper comes from Southern Italy. The tall bush plants may need some support as they become weighed down with plentiful fruits throughout the season. This variety produces lots of bright green fruits developing a deep red colour as they ripen.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 35



Sunnybrook (Sweet Pepper)



An early ripening bell pepper. Small plants producing an abundance of beautiful medium-sized fruits that ripen to a stunning deep scarlet red from August onwards, even in a cool overcast summer. Deliciously crisp with sweet and fruity flavour.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 25



PUMPKIN

Cucurbita maxima

Puimcín

Crown Prince

This is a de-hybridized version of the variety you will often find listed as an F1. Listed by Vilmorin in 1856 as 'Verte d'Australie'. Mona Muller, one of our Seed Guardians has kept her seed year-on-year and it grows reliably the same each time, so almost definitely not an F1. As with all the blue pumpkins, it hails from Australia. The silvery blue skin contrasts beautifully with its bright orange flesh. The dense flesh is deliciously sweet and nutty, second to none. Good for storage too.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 10



Old Boer White

A unique and rare treasure. A white-skinned variety, beautifully contrasted with very sweet vibrant orange flesh. Perfect for roasting, pies and baking. Historically popular in South Africa, named for the Dutch Boers.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 10

SUPPORTER ONLY



Oregon Homestead Sweetmeat

A pumpkin for cool conditions. A stunning variety with sweet, thick, delicious flesh and beautiful slate blue-grey skin. Kindly donated to us by supporter Cora Hanley, and wow, what a find! Originally bred by the Gill Brothers seed company of Portland, Oregon, this variety was reselected by Oregon breeder and author of 'The Tao of Vegetable Gardening' Carol Deppe for cool soil emergence, large seeds, thick flesh, long storability, and vigorous growth.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 10



QUINOA

Chenopodium quinoa

Rainbow



This variety has a mix of the many colours of different types of quinoa: tan, red, orange, and black. These plants make a stunning addition to any garden with their bright and colourful seedheads, not to mention the nutritional powerhouse of the seeds. Each colour has a slightly different attribute – sweeter, nuttier, or chewier – we hope you enjoy them all!

Average Seeds Per Pack: 300



Red Faro



From the North of Chile, 'Red Faro' is both productive and attractive with red-pink foliage and cream seed heads. Less prone to mould and suitable for our cool, damper climate.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 300



Temuco



Quinoa has been cultivated for about 5000 years and is indigenous to the Andean region of South America. This variety, named after the city of Temuco in the Araucanía Region of southern Chile, is a surprisingly easy and trouble-free crop. Direct sown in drills in April, it grew up to 1.5m tall, harvested in early September. A very nutritious crop, high in protein and essential amino acids. The seed contains bitter saponins (a chemical defence against birds), which needs to be washed out before use.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 300



RADISH

Raphanus sativus

China Rose

(Autumn sowing/overwintering)

This lovely winter radish came as the name suggests from China and was introduced to Europe in the 1880s. Perfect for autumn planting, the long, cylindrical, tapering roots reach 15-20cm in length and 5cm in diameter. The skin is a beautiful rose colour, with white tips and firm white flesh. These spicy, peppery roots are delicious when cooked up, or even sliced and eaten raw. A very good variety for storage.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 250



German Beer

(Spring/Summer sowing)

An heirloom variety from the Bavarian region of Germany also known as German Bier Garten or Beer Garden. A plump white radish with great flavour. Traditionally sliced very thinly and dipped in salt and served with bread or a warm pretzel – washed down with a beer of course!

Average Seeds Per Pack: 250

Violet de Gournay

(Summer sowing)

First listed in seed catalogues as far back as 1885, this lovely variety is still going strong. The long, cylindrical roots have the most beautiful purple skin and mild, sweet, white flesh. A great winter storage radish.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 250



SALAD LEAVES & GREENS

Claytonia (Winter Purslane)



SUPPORTER ONLY

Claytonia perfoliate

This attractive winter salad crop is also known by the name 'miner's lettuce'. The leaves and stems are both edible and have a refreshingly mild flavour. Small, pretty edible flowers develop in the middle of the disk-shaped succulent leaves. Can be harvested on a cut and come again basis. Self-seeds easily.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 500



De Vits (Lambs Lettuce)



SUPPORTER ONLY

Valerianella locusta

This easy to grow, vigorous variety is ideal for spring and autumn sowing. It is mildew resistant and cold hardy. Its lovely glossy-green leaves are tender and delicate, perfect for winter salads.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 300



February Orchid (Oriental green)



SUPPORTER ONLY

Orychophragmus violaceus

Also known as Chinese cress, this variety originally comes from China, and was made popular by the grower and gardening writer, Joy Larkcom. This mild and tasty brassica plant is usually used for salad or cooking greens. If sown in summer and autumn it will produce leaves through the winter, followed by beautiful edible violet flowers in spring.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 150



Hayachinena Japanese Greens (Oriental green)



A

Brassica rapa

Wonderful vigorous mustard greens with lush big, brilliant-green leaves. The flavour of these leaves is delicious and not too strong compared with other more pungent mustards. Especially nice steamed and served with a lemon juice and soya sauce dressing.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 500



Lambs Lettuce A

Valerianella locusta

This hardy salad crop, also known as field salad or mache, has been cultivated and eaten for hundreds of years. The small green leaves have a soft texture and a mild, gentle flavour, invaluable in winter salads.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 300

SUPPORTER ONLY



Land Cress (Garden cress) A

Barbarea verna

Also known as American cress, these dark green leaves have a spicy flavour like water cress, but the plants are much easier to grow. Compact plants form attractive lobed leaves in rosettes. They thrive in the summer and autumn but will also happily carry on throughout winter due to their cold tolerance. It's surprising this delicious, peppery plant isn't grown more widely!

Average Seeds Per Pack: 1400



Lebanese (Salad Rocket)



Eruca vesicaria subsp

These rocket seeds were brought back to Mud Island Community Garden by garden member Mark Kawa from the Lebanon. They nick-named it Lebanese Rocket when planting the seeds with little hope for such a hot climate plant, but it has thrived in winter and summer. If not regularly picked it quickly goes to seed but the leaves do not go as bitter as others. The delicate champagne coloured flowers are equally delicious and mild. If properly managed it can grow to a mass of about 30cm and planted as edible filler in the flower garden.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 700



Mizuna



Brassica rapa var. nipposinica

A Japanese green that grows as a large rosette of finely lobed leaves, crisp with a characteristic peppery flavour. To have a continuous supply of young leaves keep cutting regularly. Can be used to spice up a salad or be used in stir fry.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 500



Pac choi (Tat Soi)



Brassica rapa subsp. chinensis

Cabáiste Síneach

A fine sturdy heirloom variety from eastern Asia. Its long, deep-green leaves and juicy white stems add their fresh taste to salads and stir-fries.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 370



Wild Rocket



Diplotaxis tenuifolia

This leafy-green perennial has its origins in the Mediterranean region. It is straightforward and quick to grow, with its characteristic lobed leaves ready to harvest only six weeks after sowing. The flavour is sweetly peppery when the leaves are young, becoming spicier and more intense as the plant develops. A lovely addition to salads.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 700



SHALLOT

Allium cepa var aggregatum

Seallóidí

Zebrune (Seeds)



A superb French heirloom variety, often called Banana-type shallots for their torpedo-shaped bulbs. The skin of this variety has a wonderful pink-brown colour, and it is very productive, producing good-sized bulbs which are useful for storing. Easy to slice and deliciously sweet and mild.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 250



SPINACH

Spinacia oleraceae

Spionáiste

Haldenstein



Named for Haldenstein - The Swiss town where people have been growing this heirloom variety since before World War I.

Our original seed source came from True Love Seeds in Philadelphia and we concur that the leaves are large and mild with a wonderful nutty flavour. The seeds are quite distinctive in that they are almost triangular and pointed compared with the clusters of round seeds one would expect. Spinach is rich in iron, vitamin C and E, potassium, and magnesium. It's no wonder Popeye ate so much!

Average Seeds Per Pack: 250



Virginia



Originating in Virginia, in the USA, this delicious curled spinach has the added benefit of being resistant to blight. As with most spinach, you'll get better results if you sow in autumn as this crop tends to bolt in warm weather.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 250



SWEDE

Brassica napus

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Backweston Selection

A selection made at the Department of Agriculture's research station at Backweston in Co. Kildare when breeding work on vegetables was still being undertaken there. Lovely purple-skinned roots with great flavour and hardiness in the field over winter.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 450

Bangholm

This Danish variety produces plenty of medium-sized dark-purple roots. It is very high-yielding - during variety trials carried out by Teagasc in the 1960s, Bangholm had an 8% higher yield than the control crop. We found them a great all-round swede. If you try them do let us know what you think!

Average Seeds Per Pack: 450

Best of all

An Irish landrace with classic purple and white skin, growing to a good size. The golden flesh is very sweet and tasty, and the plants last well into spring before going woody. All round 'excellent', as described by a supporter. Madeline at Brown Envelope Seeds trialled it one winter in conjunction with popular commercial varieties and it came out 'Best of All'.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 450

Ellens

This is a rare old landrace variety, maintained by a family in the mountains of the Swabian Alb Region in Germany. This swede produces a lovely, uniform, very sweet, medium-sized root. Good resistance to boron deficiency.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 450



Major Doon

This Northern Irish heritage variety is a superb, purple-topped globe swede, with an excellent sweet flavour. It's great raw and stores well – if you don't eat them all straight away of course! Probably the same cultivar as Major Dunne, based on observation trials.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 450



Old Jake

This purple-skinned variety purportedly came from a shipwreck on North Haven Island off the coast of Maine, USA. It has excellent flavour and hardiness, keeping well into spring.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 450



Tipperary Turnip

A heritage swede returned to us from the Wellesbourne Gene Bank, UK. Like other native brassicas, it is hardy and disease-resistant. It has a delicate, mellow, sweet flavour, still remembered fondly by many. "The flesh," says Andrew Williams, "is not tough at all and keeps well through winter".

Average Seeds Per Pack: 450

TOMATILLO

Physalis philadelphica

Purple Tomatillo

A member of the nightshade family and resembling a cape gooseberry with its outer lantern-like husk. Originating in Mexico, these vibrant and tart fruits are an essential ingredient for making the perfect Salsa Verde or as an accompaniment to many Mexican dishes. This purple variety will add colour and interest to your growing season. Don't over-sow as they are very productive. You will need at least two plants to save seeds as they are not self-fertile.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 30

SUPPORTER ONLY



TOMATO

Solanum lycopersicum

Tráta

Amber

(Bush, Yellow, Apricot sized)

This heritage bush variety from Russia is a productive early cropper. As a northern-climate tomato, this variety is suitable for growing even in wet and cool conditions. The round fruit are medium-sized, ripening to a deep golden yellow/amber colour. These mild, sweet fruits would be a welcome addition to any salad.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 30



Amish Salad

(Cordon, Pink, Cherry type)

This rare variety comes from the Amish people of Pennsylvania. The bountiful plants give many trusses full of fruit all throughout the season. The plum-shaped fruit is medium-sized and pink-red in colour, with a lovely fresh sweet but tangy flavour. Excellent sliced for salads, and good cooked too.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 30

Berner Rose

(Cordon, Pink, Beefsteak type)

The 'Rose from Bern' is a Swiss heirloom, well suited to cooler climes. A reliable cordon-type producing round, thin-skinned, pinkish-red fruit. Quite large and fleshy, these tomatoes are utterly juicy and delicious. Seed Guardian Mona has been growing this one for years as her family favourite. These versatile fruits can be eaten fresh, sliced, and cooked.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 30

Black Plum

(Cordon, Dark red, brown/green shoulders, Salad type)

Originating from Russia, this oval-shaped salad tomato came to Irish Seed Savers in 1999 via the Seed Savers Exchange in the USA. A high-yielding variety.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 30



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Brads Atomic Grape

(Cordon, Striped Red/Purple/Green/Orange - Grape type)

These plum-shaped cherry tomatoes, originally bred by Brad Gates of Wild Boar Farm, start off looking like bunches of small aubergines, developing green, red, and blue colourful stripes as they ripen. Best sown from January to March, they are very productive and ripen over a long growing season. As this is an indeterminate type, this variety needs to be supported and have its side shoots removed. The fruits have rather thick skins which help with crack-resistance, and make the sweet little juicy tomatoes burst in your mouth as you eat them.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 40



SUPPORTER ONLY

Brandywine

This legendary potato-leaved Beefsteak variety is of Amish heritage. It was introduced in 1889, named for the Brandywine River in Pennsylvania. The fruit is deep pink and can grow quite large. The flavour has been described as 'transcendental or tomato heaven'. Sweet, rich, and juicy perfect for slicing. Its dense flesh is also wonderful for sauces.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 35



Dorenia

(Cordon, Red, Salad/Round slicing type)

This fabulous variety was bred by biodynamic growers in Germany. The plants have good resistance to fruit-splitting and blight. It yields very well, providing plenty of juicy oval-shaped plum tomatoes throughout the season. Firm skin means the fruit holds its shape when cut, perfect for salads and sandwiches.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 35



Dzintare Lasite

(Cordon, Yellow, Medium Pear type)

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Average Seeds Per Pack: 30

SUPPORTER ONLY



Gabacho Negro

(Cordon, Dark Red, Roma type)

This unusual tomato came to us from a seed saving community in Portugal. The name literally means 'the Black French Guy'. A striking fruit to look at, oval in shape and has an amazing dark red colour, with darker shoulders. Medium sized and absolutely ideal for cooking delicious sauces. A cordon-type and healthy cropper too.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 45



Galina Siberian

(Cordon, Yellow, Large cherry type)

This yellow cherry tomato was introduced from Siberia so it's well-adapted to cool climates. Vigorous and early maturing. Producing numerous trusses of bright yellow fruit, with an irresistible complex sweet flavour.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 45



Mrs. Rucks

(Bush, Red, Medium round slicing type)

This lovely bush variety presents a huge amount of scarlet small-to-medium, juicy fruit. An early ripener, their flavour is mild, fresh, and tangy. Mrs. Ruck was a lady of Audley End Estate in Essex (now managed by English Heritage) and had passed on the seed when she moved away. Our seed came to us via the Eden Project in Cornwall.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 40



SUPPORTER ONLY

Polen

(Cordon, Yellow, Small plum type)

This seed from Poland was collected by the German gene-bank at Gatersleben. A cordon variety that produces quantities of small gold, thin-skinned plum tomatoes, still delicious even in November. Stephen Carrington in Wicklow was still harvesting a few in January from a polytunnel! Growing outdoors as well as under cover, this sweet, mild tomato is a lovely addition to any garden.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 50



Rosella A

(Cordon, Deep Red/Purple, Cherry type)

A fabulous cordon variety giving masses of trusses, with cherry tomatoes that are rosy pink/purple with a smoky blush. The superb flavour is a lovely balance of sweetness and tanginess. It won the RHS award in 2017 as a 'high yielding nice-sized cherry tomato with good taste', and topped the polls at the Irish Seed Savers annual summer tasting session. Given support and grown under cover, the prolific plants at Capparoo have produced delicious fruits into late October.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 50



Stupice A

(Cordon, Red, Medium sized slicing type)

A Czech heirloom cordon variety, highly recommended by many who have grown it over the years. It is a very reliable, good cropper, ripening quite early with an abundance of medium-sized, round, tangy red fruits. Grows outside as well as under cover.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 30



Tibet Apple A

(Bush, Pinkish-Red, Medium beefsteak type)

An extremely rare heritage tomato from Tibet. Pinkish red in colour, a tasty medium beefsteak type.

Average Seeds Per Pack: 30



TURNIP

Brassica rapa

Tornapa

Malselvnepe (White Flesh)  

This Norwegian landrace is a hardy variety, well suited to growing in northern climates. The squat, medium-sized turnips are pale yellow in colour, and have an excellent flavour. Good for cooking as well as eating raw if you enjoy the strong flavour!

Average Seeds Per Pack: 450



Pumpkin and Mandarin Jam



1kg mandarins

1.4kg peeled pumpkin

1.4kg sugar

1 lemon

- 1. Scrub and dry the lemon and mandarins.**
- 2. Dice the fruit and pumpkin.**
- 3. Put the pumpkin and mandarins in a pan with the sugar and leave to macerate overnight.**
- 4. Next day bring the mixture to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer, covered, for about an hour until the fruit is soft. Stir from time to time.**
- 5. Take the lid off the pan. Bring back to boil. Boil rapidly until the mixture reaches 105° C setting point.**
- 6. Cool slightly. Blend to taste with a hand-held mixer.**
- 7. Pot in warm jars and cover.**



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The Art and Science of Growing
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Now in its 14th year, the Irish Seed Savers Association will be commencing its 2-year Seed to Seed Course in March 2024. This in-depth course is aimed at those who wish to grow for seed to the highest standards. Graduates of the course are entitled to become Seed Guardians for Irish Seed Savers. The course is modular with teaching taking place on site at our organic farm at Capparoe, Co. Clare.

**For more details and to register your interest, contact
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Event Days 2024

at Irish Seed Savers Association

Join us for a year filled with open days and exciting events that celebrate nature, community, the art of seed saving and Ireland's agricultural heritage.



Annual Community Seed Share Event

February 24th

Kick off the year with our Annual Community Seed Share Event on Saturday February 24th! Dive into the world of seeds, swap stories with fellow enthusiasts, and take home a piece of biodiversity for your own garden. Together, let's sow the seeds of community and sustainable living.

National Biodiversity Week

May

In May, join us for National Biodiversity Week to enjoy free guided tours of our heritage orchards and gardens, where our knowledgeable guides will showcase the rich biodiversity of Ireland and the importance of protecting it for future generations.

National Heritage Week

August

Celebrate Ireland's rich heritage with us during National Heritage Week in August! Immerse yourself in themed events that showcase the deep-rooted traditions and stories embedded in our orchards and gardens. From ancient wisdom to modern conservation, there's something for everyone to explore.

Tastes of the Orchards Tours

September 10th to 15th

As autumn approaches, join us for Tastes of the Orchards Tours in September. Indulge your senses in the flavours of our orchards, sampling the finest fruits and savouring the essence of Ireland's diverse apple varieties. Let the orchards enchant your taste buds and inspire your culinary adventures!

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