

GROWING THE FUTURE AT THE NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDEN OF WALES

The National Botanic Garden of Wales has embarked on a five-year project to champion Welsh horticulture, plants for pollinators, protection of wildlife and the virtues of growing plants for food, health and well-being.

Whether you are a seasoned gardener, a fledgling grower or a budding beekeeper - we want to help provide training, information and support to you.

For more information on the project's courses and events, please call 01558 667149, email gtf@gardenofwales.org.uk or visit botanicgarden.wales/science/growing-the-future

URBAN GARDENING

Knowing what to grow can be a challenge, but it is always best to choose your plants based on the environment you have available, so for example, if your garden is shady, try to avoid plants that need a lot of sun.

Take a look at the different crops here to find one that suits you and your garden.



BEST CROPS FOR POTS

Aubergines	Peas	Spring onions
Blueberries	Radishes	Strawberries
Chard	Runner Beans	Sweet Peppers
Chillies	Salad Leaves	Tomatoes
French Beans	Salad Potatoes	Herbs
Spinach		

BEST CROPS FOR GROW BAGS

Aubergines	Cucumbers	Rocket
Sweet Peppers	French Beans	Runner Beans
Chard	Lettuce	Basil
Courgettes	Radishes	Tomatoes

BEST CROPS FOR WINDOW BOXES

Pea Tips	Chard	Radishes
Chillies	Salad Leaves	Spring Onions
Strawberries	Bush or tumbling tomatoes	
Edible/companion flowers	Dwarf French Beans	

BEST CROPS FOR HANGING BASKETS

Dwarf Beans	Spring Onions	Herbs
Strawberries	Pea Tips	Salad Leaves
Tumbling Tomatoes		

BEST CROPS FOR A WINDY BALCONY

Blueberries	Leeks	Carrots
Lettuce	Chard	Pak Choi
Potatoes	Radishes	Garlic
Raspberries	Goji Berries	Redcurrants
Gooseberries	Rocket	Herbs
Kale	Strawberries	Spring Onions
Dwarf French Beans	Dwarf Runner Beans	

BEST 'LEAST-THIRSTY' CROPS

Kale	Chard	Edible Flowers
Peas	Garlic	Spring Onions
Goji Berries	Mediterranean Herbs	
Cape Gooseberries		

BEST SHADE-LOVING CROPS

Beetroot	Radishes	Blackcurrants
Raspberries	Chard	Redcurrants
Coriander	Rocket	Parsley
Gooseberries	Sorrel	Peas
Spinach		



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JANUARY

Plant: garlic, shallots

Under glass: sow onions, celeriac

Harvest: winter cabbages, sprouts and other brassicas

FEBRUARY

Plant: Jerusalem artichokes

Sow out: early peas, broad beans and spinach

Under glass: sow lettuce, carrots, radish and turnips

Harvest: winter cabbages, cauliflower, sprouts and leeks

MARCH

Plant: onion sets and early potatoes

Sow out: cabbages, sprouts, kale, turnips, leeks, onions, parsnips and chard

Under glass: sow celery, celeriac, tomatoes, aubergines, peppers and chilli

Harvest: winter crops plus spring cabbage, kale and sprouting broccoli

APRIL

Plant: potatoes

Sow out: carrots, beetroot, broccoli, cauliflower and peas

Under glass: sow French and runner beans, courgettes, marrow, sweetcorn and cucumber

Harvest: spring greens, sprouting broccoli, turnip tops, kale, cabbage, lettuce, spinach and chard

MAY

Plant: transplant brassicas from seed beds

Sow out: winter cabbages and cauliflower, sprouting broccoli and lettuce.

Successional sowings - lettuce, radish, turnip, beetroot, carrots, peas, parsnips, onions, spinach and salad leaves

Harvest: spring cabbage, spinach and radishes

JUNE

Plant: transplant celeriac, leeks, celery and brassicas

Sow out: swedes, endives, parsley. Successional sowings - beans, lettuce, radishes and beetroot

Harvest: peas, broad beans, potatoes, spinach and turnips



JULY

Sow out: successional sowings - spinach, beetroot, turnips, lettuce, carrots, kohlrabi, endives, leeks, broccoli and cabbage

Harvest: broad and French beans, potatoes, shallots, carrots, turnips, beetroot, lettuce, radishes, marrows and courgettes

AUGUST

Sow out: winter radishes, winter lettuce, spring cabbage.

Successional sowings - turnips, endive, onions and corn salad

Harvest: as July plus runner beans, sweetcorn, tomatoes, cucumber and garlic

SEPTEMBER

Sow out: successional sowings - spinach, winter radishes and lettuce

Harvest: onions, tomatoes, marrows, potatoes, carrots, spinach, runner beans and French beans

OCTOBER

Sow out: broad beans and hardy peas

Harvest: potatoes, carrots, celeriac, beetroot and turnips

NOVEMBER

Sow out: broad beans

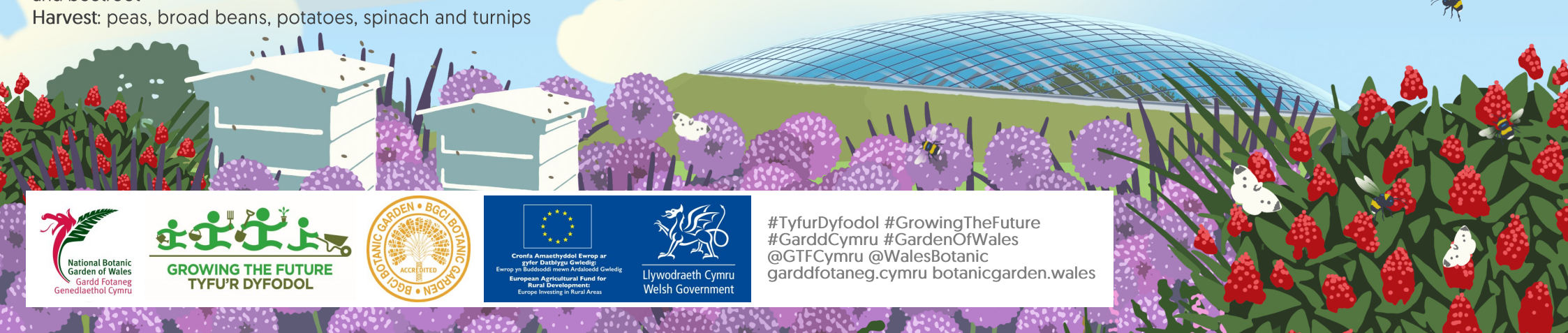
Harvest: spinach, endive, winter cabbage, cauliflower, sprouts, celery, leeks, parsnips and Jerusalem artichokes

DECEMBER

Traditionally, garlic was planted on the shortest day of the year!

Harvest: swedes, winter cabbage, sprouts, spinach, celery, leeks, parsnips, endive, kale, cauliflower and Jerusalem artichokes

If growing indoors, leafy vegetables can be sown all year round.



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