

SEED BOXES AID HOME GARDENERS—Pictured above are the proper methods for starting seeds in a seed box, or "flat," described in the accompanying story. Each seed should be given room in which to mature in the outdoor box.

Starting Seeds Easy By Proper Methods

Every home gardener should know how to start seeds in a seed box, which florists call a "flat," and move the plants when large enough to their destined place in the garden.

In some sections whole gardens are made of such plants, usually purchased. But your own plant can be grown easily at a far less expense, once a few simple methods are learned.

There are both advantages and disadvantages in starting seeds this way. It takes longer to grow either vegetables or flowers, because of the set-back which is caused by transplanting. But when the seed box can be started weeks before seeds could be sown outdoors, an earlier harvest is possible, even though growth takes longer.

Some Difficult
Some plants are difficult to

transplant, all the vegetable root crops, for example; and many flowers such as poppies, and salpiglossis. But skilled operators can transplant almost any subject.

An advantage of the seed box method is that seeds go farther, since all can be grown to plants, if desired; and the plants are placed in the garden in the exact position where they are to mature, and require no thinning. It is easier to grow very small seeds and difficult subjects in a box; and when the weather is too wet, or dry, too hot or cold, the box can be moved about and sheltered from damage.

While professionals usually sow seed in one box, rather thickly, then transplant the seedlings when very small to pots, or another flat where they are widely spaced, the amateur can save time and make his plants grow faster by sowing the seed thinly in the first place and thinning out excess seedlings to give ample room for the others to mature, without being disturbed.

Precautions against disease should always be taken. This is easily done by using soil substitutes, rather than soil. Sphagnum moss and vermiculite are substitutes widely used and easily obtained. Both are sterile and sphagnum moss actually destroys fungi.

Layer of Moss
A thin layer of sphagnum moss, passed through a sieve, and spread over the soil in a flat can be used to sow the seed in; covering lightly with similar moss. This will prevent "damping off" and similar diseases, which sometimes destroy seeds as they are sprouting, or soon after.

The entire box may be filled

Flower Timetable In Home Gardens Given

When seeds are sown, the sower should have a definite idea about how long each kind should take to come up. This cannot be told to the hour, or even the day. Among flower seeds different kinds may vary in germination time from 5 to 10 days for marigolds, to 180 days for acornite, or a full year for clematis.

Many a supposed failure with flower seeds is due to lack of information on this important point. Seeds may be sown, and when they fail to appear in a week or two, be given up for lost; when all that was required for success was another few days, weeks or months of waiting.

Seeds Tested
Seeds are tested for germination in laboratories; where conditions are given for SEED TO GERMINATE

Five To Ten Days
Acacia
Sweet Alyssum
Amaranthus
Antirrhinum (snapdragon)
Aster
English Daisy
Browallia
Calceolaria
Celandine
Candytuft
Celosia

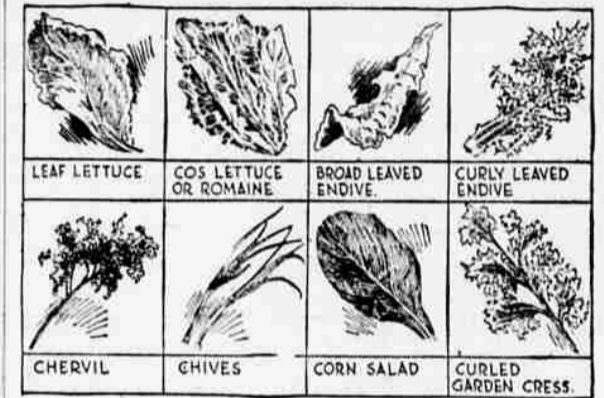
Ten To Twenty Days
Achillea
Cantebury Bells
Pyrethrum
Shasta Daisy
Feverfew
Cobaea Scandens
Coleus
Dahlia
Carnation
Foxglove

Over Twenty Days
Anemone, 20-60 days
Columbine, 12-60 days
Begonia, 21-30 days
Clematis, 90-365 days
Cyclamen, 25-30 days

Marigolds
Mimulus
Nicotiana
Pansy
Penstemon
Petunia
Annual Phlox
Portulaca
Mignonette
Schizanthus
Viola
Zinnia
Nasturtium

Nigella
Primrose
Cypress Vine
Shardal Climber
Castor Bean
Scabiosa
Stokesia
Thunbergia
Verbena
Vinca

Matilija or Tree Poppy, 42-84 days
Thalictrum (Meadow rue), 14-42 days
Strelitzia (Bird-of-Paradise Flower), 120 days



RICH IN VITAMINS—In the line-drawings above are shown some of the green leaves which have high vitamin content and which are also easily grown by the home gardener. Their uses in preparing outstanding salads are described in the accompanying story.

Tempting Salads Grown In Home Gardens With Ease

Home gardeners have a wonderful opportunity to enjoy tasty, tempting salads all summer long. The fact that green, leafy foods stand at the top of the list which nutritionists say you should eat daily, may be ignored if you feel that way about nutritionists.

Healthful they may be, but salads also stand high with gourmets. Many a popular restaurant gained its reputation by specializing in a fine tossed salad with well-mixed dressing. This is a man's dish, and much more suitable than cooking, as a specialty.

Dressing Important
The dressing is important, but this discussion is about the green leaves which you can grow all summer long, and pick fresh just long enough before the salad is

eaten, for the leaves to be washed, dried and chilled.

Lettuce starts the list, and not the tight, white, head lettuce of commerce. Any salad chef will tell you that it is tasteless and "does not take the dressing well." What he prefers, if he can get it, is cos lettuce, also called romaine, which catalogues list in several varieties.

Loose Heads Good
Loose heading varieties are also excellent, with bibb or limestone lettuce possibly a favorite. You can grow this in the early spring, and fall, but it goes to

with sphagnum moss, or vermiculite, and the seedling plants grown in these substances up to transplanting size. But in that case some fertilizer must be used when the plants have reached a sufficient size to need it. This will be about when they have made their second pair of leaves, called the "true leaves." Stir a level teaspoonful of balanced chemical plant food into a quart of water and use this to water the plants. One application weekly should be sufficient.

12 Lumbermen To Aid In Promoting Area's Products

Twelve Rogue River valley lumbermen have been asked to help shape plans for selling west coast lumber to American consumers in greater quantities, according to Dr. W. Gossard, president of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

"Rogue River valley prosperity," Gossard said, "depends upon whether local mills can maintain full production and full employment. We have had ample demonstration, during the past three years, of sales possibilities when we get out and really promote west coast lumber."

Won Acceptance
Gossard said that Douglas fir and other west coast lumber species have won the widest acceptance they have had in more than a quarter of a century. Each year since 1936 sales from this region have increased, with 1949 the biggest year since the roaring '20's.

The twelve Rogue River valley lumbermen named to key WCLA committees to aid in this marketing program include George Flanagan and H. C. Sampert, of Elk Lumber company, Medford; B. L. Nutting, R. J. Hogue and K. P. Pickens, of Medford Corporation, Medford; Floyd Hart, Timber Products company, Medford; Thomas Ross, Ross Lumber industries, Medford; Harry S. Dowson, Southern Oregon Planning Mill, Inc., Medford; E. W. Pease, Trail Creek Lumber company, Trail; H. E. Brown, Brown Brothers Lumber company, Williams; and James A. Paek, Moore Timber products, Grants Pass.

seed in hot weather. Leaf lettuce is also excellent in salads, and can be grown for a much longer period than the heading types. Use leaf lettuce as soon as leaves are two inches across, but be sure to thin out plants, so that they will mature.

Endive comes in two types, broad and curly. Both have a distinctive flavor. They stand both hot weather and frost. A late sowing should always be made to mature in the fall, when frost improves the flavor.

Corn salad has a fresh and spicy flavor which makes it a welcome ingredient of the bowl salad, and is grown easily in spring and fall. Curled garden cress thrives with ordinary garden culture and imparts a pungent flavor to the bowl salad. Watercress is highly prized and easily grown where there is a good supply of fresh water to keep it constantly moist.

Chervil is an aromatic plant somewhat resembling parsley but superior in flavor; and can be used both in the bowl salad and as a garnishment for meats. Like parsley, the seed is slow to germinate. Sow it with a few radish seeds to mark the row.

Chives is a most useful salad vegetable. It is a cousin of the onion, of which the leaves are used. They have a delicate onion flavor, just enough to season the salad. Chives grow from seed easily, and a plant lives many years. It bears an attractive lavender flower and is often used as a border along the garden path.

At least two sowings should always be made of these leaf vegetables, one in the spring and one in midsummer for the fall crop; and as many as four sowings may be made with good results.

The extreme softness of chin-chilla fur is due to the fact that as far as 80 hairs sprout from a single hair follicle.

Tubeless Tires On Display Here, Advantages Cited

The new puncture-sealing tubeless tire which was demonstrated recently to press and civic officials in Portland, now is available for the first time to motorists in the Medford area, Roy P. Stoy, manager of Rogue Service and Supply company, announced today.

George Fernandez, of the Rogue Service staff, recently attended a meeting of B. F. Goodrich dealers in Portland, where he saw cars equipped with tubeless tires run over three inch spikes without losing a pound of air. He said a tubeless tire has been the goal of tire engineers since the dawn of the automotive age.

Has Inner Layer
The tubeless tire has an inner layer of special gummy material that automatically seals punctures effectively and permanently right on the running wheel. It is easier to mount and take off than ordinary tires. Cold rubber has been added to the tread to give longer mileage, according to Fernandez.

"The new tire has been tested under the most severe conditions during the past four years," Fernandez said, "in the laboratory, on taxi fleets, on state police cars and on a special fleet of test cars. It gives an easier ride, maintains correct air pressure for months and combines safe performance at high speeds with puncture sealing protection."

Canadian Apartment Fire Takes 8 Lives

Ocean Falls, B. C., Mar. 8.—(U.P.)—Eight persons were killed in an early morning blaze which swept a frame 25 suite apartment block at this northern B.C. coastal town yesterday, 350 miles north of Vancouver.

Two children, one eight months old, were among the dead. The others were two men and four women.

The dead were identified as: Mr. and Mrs. F. Whatmaugh; Mr. and Mrs. H. Wonnacott and their eight-month-old daughter; Mrs. L. W. Phillips; and Mrs. Ranie Phillips. The eighth victim was not identified.

Flames broke out in a third floor kitchen at 1:45 a.m. and were brought under control five and a quarter hours later by the 12 man volunteer fire brigade under Clarence Clark.

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