

WARM SEASON (March - September)

WATERMELON • Tohono O'odham Yellow, Hopi Yellow, Desert King, Yellow Doll, Crimson Sweet, Black Diamond

SUMMER SQUASH • Straight & Crookneck Yellow, Scallop (Pattypan), Ronde de Nice (8-Ball)

WINTER SQUASH • Waltham Butternut, Acorn, Spaghetti, Luffa, Tohono O'odham Cushwa

PUMPKINS • Seminole, Navajo, Jack Be Little, Sugar Pie, Blue Jarrahdale

ZUCCHINI • Genovese, Bolognese, Verde d' Italia, Yellowfin, Dark Star, Costata Romanesco

Desert Gardening Guide

VEGETABLES FOR THE LOW DESERT

Learn more about growing vegetables and fruit year-round in your desert garden. Part of the fun is figuring out the right plant variety to choose. Here is a list from our staff experts to make the decision making process just a bit easier. These suggested varieties are grown here on the Center for Desert Living Trail and at the Community Garden successfully.

COOL SEASON (September - February)

ARTICHOKE • Globe, Purple; Cardoons

ARUGULA • Astro, Bellezia, Rocket, Sylvetta

BEETS • Detroit Dark Red, Golden, Chioggia, Bulls Blood

BROCCOLI • Purple Sprouting, Marathon, Waltham 29, Blue Wind, & De Cicco; Broccolini; Chinese Broccoli; Broccoli Raab/Rapini

CABBAGE • Copenhagen, Red Acre, Red Express, Early Jersey Wakefield

CARROTS • Red Core Chantenay, Nantes, Danvers, Purple Dragon, Cosmic Purple, Babette

CAPERS

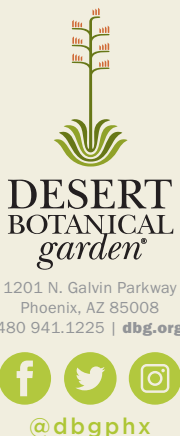
CAULIFLOWER • Snow Crown, Snow Queen, Romanesco, Cheddar, Purple Head

CELERY • Utah 52-70 Tall Improved, Coquistador

CHINESE CABBAGE • Napa, Bok Choi, Pac Choi

FAVA BEANS • Broad Windsor

FENNEL • Florence, Zefa Fino, Bronze



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GARLIC • Soft Neck Varieties

GREENS • Collard Greens, Giant Red Mustard Greens, Purple & Green Mizuna, Radicchio, Tree Collards (Walking Stick Kale), Curly Endive, Minutina

KALE • Blue & Lacinato, Nero Di Toscana, Red Russian, Tronchuda

KOHLRABI • Vienna Purple, White Vienna, Superschmelz

LEEKs • King Richard, Musselburgh

LETTUCE • Red & Green Romaines (Parris Island Cos & Rouge D'hiver); Looseleaf Varieties, Marvel Of Four Seasons, Lollo Rossa, Black Seeded Simpson, Outredgeous

ONION • Itoi, Crystal White Wax, Other Short Day Bulb Cultivars

PEAS • Oregon Sugar Pod II, Sugar Snap, Bistro

RADISH • Watermelon, French Breakfast, Cherry Belle, Easter Egg, Russian Black

RUTABAGA • Purple Top

SPINACH • Rushmore, Bossa Nova, Bloomsdale, Polka, Unipack 151

SWISS CHARD • Bright Lights, Fordhook Giant, Rainbow

TURNIPS • Purple Top White Globe, Hakurei

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AMARANTH • Hopi Red Dye, Green Callaloo

ASPARAGUS • Mary's Granddaughter UC72, UC157

CUCUMBER • Armenian, Marketmore, Beit Alpha, Lemon

EGGPLANT • Black Beauty, Listada de Gandia, Long Purple Early, Japanese Cultivars (Ping Tung, Kamo), Indian Cultivars (Ratna, Bijli)

EGYPTIAN SPINACH • Molokhia

DRY BEANS • Bisbee Red & Bisbee Black, Tiger's Eye, Tepary

FRESH BEANS • Provider Bush, Blue Lake Pole, Dragon's Tongue, Scarlet Runner, Chinese Red Noodle

HIBISCUS SABDARIFFA

MALABAR SPINACH • Red & Green

MELONS • Charentais, Hale's Best Jumbo Cantaloupe, Honeydew, Ananas, Canary, Cucamelon

OKRA • Clemson Spineless, Red Burgundy, Texas Hill Country Red

PEPPERS • Early Jalapeno, Del Arbol, Poblano, Serrano, Habanero, Ghost, Tepin/Pequin/Chiltepin, Hungarian Wax, Banana, Asian Cultivars (Shishito, Fushimi, Thai Hot)

TOMATO • Yellow Pear, Solar Fire, Punta Banda, Green Zebra, Indigo Rose, Texas Wild Cherry, Juliet, Esterina, Amana Orange, Black Krim, Cherokee Purple, Pantano Romanesco, Early Girl, Celebrity, Pearson, Blush, Violet Jasper, Gardeners Delight, Fourth Of July, Bonnie's Best, Cherry & Current Cultivars (Black, Chocolate, Champagne & Sun Gold), Most Roma & Paste Cultivars

TOMATILLOS • Green or Purple (must have two plants to cross-pollinate)

SWEET POTATO • Golden Jewel, Centennial, Georgia Red, Oklahoma Red, Yellow Jersey