

BELIEVE IT OR NOT VEGETABLES

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Cucurbita moschata
'Americana Tonda' Pumpkin
This beautiful, ornamental pumpkin has orange skin with green stripes between the ribbing and weighs 4-6 lbs. Delectable taste.

Cucurbita moschata 'Batwing' Pumpkin
Festive novelty pumpkins in a mix of orange, black, and bicolors. Vigorous semi-bush plants produce loads of the 1 to 1½ pound fruits with strong handles just in time for fall centerpieces. Harvest just after fruit colors up for darkest hues. 90 days.



Cucumis melo var. reticulatus
'Banana' Melon
Distinctive melon with smooth yellow skin is 16-24" long, tapered at both ends, like an overgrown banana! This fragrant, tasty heirloom variety has sweet, spicy, salmon-pink flesh, and has been listed as a novelty for as long as American seed catalogs have been in print. Great for specialty markets. 80-100 days.

Cucurbita moschata 'Black Futsu' Squash
Rare, black Japanese squash. The unusual fruits are slightly flattened on top with a bumpy, heavily ribbed rind. Vigorous vines produce huge yields of 3-8 lb. fruits whose golden flesh has a rich taste of hazelnuts. Unique and beautiful black fruits will turn a deep chestnut color in storage.



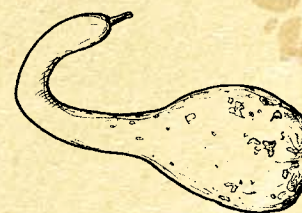
Cucurbita moschata
'Bliss' Pumpkin
Deep green 10 to 15 pound fruits mottled with pale orange bring a new look to the pumpkin patch! The dark yellow flesh is great for savory dishes like curry, as it is less sweet than other varieties. Plant 4-5 feet apart in rows 6-8 feet apart in full sun.

Lagenaria siceraria
'Bule' Gourd
The unique apple-shaped, hard-shelled French gourd for drying is covered with small warts or tooth-like bumps.



Cucumis melo var. cantalupensis
'Canoe Creek Colossal' Cantaloupe
Large deeply ribbed, football-shaped fruits can top 20 lbs. if well watered, but typically weigh 8-15 lbs. Great flavor—should be picked when they just begin to slip. Sure to impress the neighbors!

Lagenaria siceraria
'Dinosaur' Gourd
Prehistoric-looking bottle gourd with shiny dark green, deeply wrinkled skin can be dried and painted for intriguing fall decorations. Necks will be serpentine if grown on the ground, straighter on a trellis. Vines grow 4-6 feet. 120-150 days.





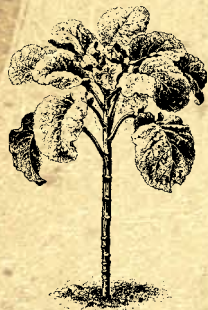
**Cucumis melo var. reticulatus
'Eden's Gate'**

Introduced in 1905 by T. W. Wood & Sons of Richmond, Virginia and named after their farm. The dark-green oblong melons weigh 8-10 pounds have a deeply ribbed rind and sweet orange flesh that melts in your mouth. Highly flavored

and aromatic. Pick slightly prior to full slip for best flavor. 90-110 days. Rare!

Cucurbita maxima 'Galeaux d'Eyesines'

At maturity, this pumpkin is covered with peculiar warting. The flesh of the fruit is orange-coloured, very thick, sweet, and of excellent quality.



**Brassica oleracea longata
'Giant Walking Stick' Kale**

This easy-to-grow kale shoots to five to seven feet in its first year, and looks like a young tree. The strong, attractive wood of the tall, thin, single stem can be dried the following spring and used as an elegant, lightweight walking stick. The big tuft of wrinkly oval leaves, up to 2½ feet long, can be fed to livestock or cooked like collard greens. Stake.

**Cucurbita pepo
'Gadzukes' Zucchini Squash**

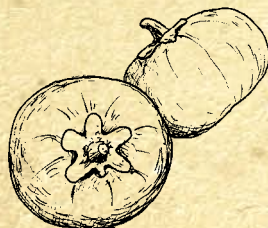
Beautiful, cool green fruits have striped, raised ridges, so when you slice them you get little star-shaped patties that are almost too pretty to eat. Add the deliciously creamy tidbits to stirfries, salads, or steam as a sidedish. 55 days.



Cucumis melo 'Golden Sweet' Melon
Gorgeous, lemon colored rinds with sweet, white, crisp flesh. The skin is so thin that many people do not peel them prior to eating, but enjoy these easy-to-grow melons straight out of the garden. This Oriental variety is early, and the compact vines produce heavily. Pick fruit when they turn golden.

**Solanum melongena
'Goyo Kumba' Eggplant**

Vibrant red miniature fruits on an outstanding ornamental eggplant from Africa. Slightly flattened, 2-3" fruits appear abundantly and last for a long time on very sturdy plants. 90-100 days.



**Cucumis sativus
'Hmong Red' Cucumber**

Pale green fruits ripen to a marvelous golden red, and flavor stays mild even when large. This productive and tasty heirloom was collected from a Hmong

woman in Minnesota, and named for the Hmong people that live on the borders of Thailand, China, Burma, Laos, and Vietnam.

**Cucumis melo var. reticulatus
'Hollybrook Luscious' Melon**

Oblong, 8-10 lb. melons have a dark green deeply ribbed rind and sweet orange flesh that melts in your mouth.



**Cucumis metiliferous
'Jelly Melon' (African Horned)**

Also known as the African Horned Cucumber, this unusual fruit has spiny horns and green-yellow skin that turns a bright deep orange when ready to harvest. The pulp resembles lime-green Jell-O and has a sweet & sour tropical lime-banana flavor.

Excellent juiced! Beautiful vines and fruit are easy to grow.

Cucurbita pepo 'Kakai' Pumpkin

Eye-catching 8 to 10 inch 'Kakai' pumpkins are bright orange striped and speckled with dark green. They make unique jack o' lanterns and yield plump, hull-less seeds. This Japanese variety is high in pumpkin seed oil, shown by European studies to increase prostate health.



**Cucurbita maxima
'La Estrella' Winter Squash**

Multicolored tropical pumpkin has gray-, green-, and peach-colored skin and deep orange flesh. In northern climates, the vining plants produce 10 pound winter squash, with texture and flavor similar to a butternut. 125 days.

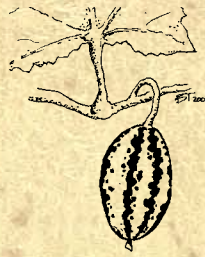
**Cucurbita maxima
'Marina de Chiogga' Winter Squash**

One of the most beautiful and unique of all squash, and the Italians call it the best tasting of all. The rich sweet flesh is a deep yellow-orange. Gray-blue skin covered by dramatic ridges and bumps like rolling ocean waves.



Cucumis 'Mexican Sour Gherkin'

This newly rediscovered heirloom cucumber produces fruits with the appearance of miniature striped watermelons that fall when ripe. The 1-2" fruits have a sweet cucumber flavor, beautifully contrasted by a surprising sourness as if they already have salad dressing. Support with trellis.

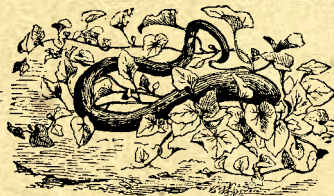


Cucumis sativus 'Miniature White' Cucumber

A bounty of miniature yellowish-white fruits! Flavor is mild and sweet, with no need to peel. Pick these baby cukes when the fruits are under 3" for best flavor. 50-55 days.

Cucumis melo 'Painted Serpent' Armenian Striped Cucumber

Unique appearance and excellent flavour. Unusual, long "S"-shaped fruit are slightly ridged with alternating dark and light green stripes. The taste is reminiscent of apple pie, and the skin is slightly fuzzy.



Solanum muricatum 'Pepino'

Bright blue striped flowers and 3 to 4-inch oval cream-colored fruits, spotted and striped with purple, adorn silky-leaved bushes. Fruits taste like cantaloupe and pineapple, with the firm yellow flesh of papaya. Pepino is a perennial vegetable, protect below 28F, sets fruit at 65F. Perfect for wood hanging basket.

Cucumis melo var. cantalupensis 'Prescott Fond Blanc' Cantaloupe

Unique 4-9 lb. fruits have grey-green skin turning light brown, and are ribbed with warts and bumps. Flesh is salmon-orange and very rich and fragrant. Almost unheard of in the U.S., these French melons are beautiful in their oddity. 95 days.



Solanum aethiopicum 'Pumpkin on a Stick'

Clusters of eye-catching, 2-5" red-orange fruits look like mini-pumpkins, but are actually ornamental eggplants. When the fruits turn orange, remove all leaves from the plant and display in a fresh or dried arrangement. Plants may need staking. 70-80 days from transplant.

Cucumis melo var. dudaim 'Queen Anne's Pocket Melon'

Grown for their irresistible, sweet fruity fragrance, these small round gold fruits are striped and speckled with dark orange. Victorian ladies carried the picture perfect miniature fruits in their pockets to emit a seductive fragrance. 75 days.



Raphanus caudatus 'Rat-tailed Radish'

Plants are literally covered with crisp fleshy delicious and colorful tapered seedpods that can be picked at any size for tasty additions to stirfry & salad. Not grown for the roots.

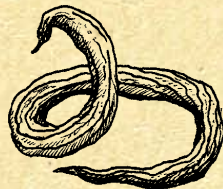
Solanum melongena 'Red Ruffled'

Clusters of bright red, 2" fruits appear abundantly on this remarkable ornamental. In the 19th century, florists referred to these tiny eggplants as "miniature pumpkins." Fruits are bitter but used extensively in Asian cuisine - harvest them when small for the best flavor. 70-90 days.



Trichosanthes anguina 'Polo' Snake Gourd

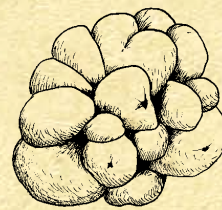
Long, twisting, dark green fruits with lighter stripes resemble coiling snakes! Harvest for eating when fruits are small, up to 24" long - flesh is tender with a mild, cucumber-like taste. For ornamental use, let fruits mature and toughen on the vine. 64 days.



Cucumis sativus L. var. sativus 'Poona Kheera'

This unique brown cucumber is a wonderful heirloom variety just discovered in India. Potato-shaped fruits start out a light cream and green color, with skin turning a rich russet brown as they ripen. Delicious flesh is crisp, juicy,

sweet, and mild. Strong, hardy, disease resistant vines produce early, with very heavy yields.



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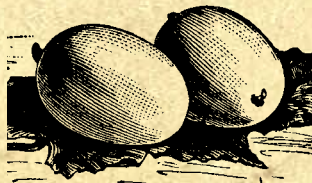
'Reisetomate' Traveler's Tomato

Curiously shaped fruits look like a cluster of mini tomatoes fused together to make one extravagantly lobed fruit. German for "traveler tomato," as you can pull off one lobe at a time for snacking on as you walk. Strong acidic flavor. Plants thrive even in cooler areas. 70 days from transplant.



Cucumis melo var. conomon Mak.
'Sakata's Sweet' Melon
 Small golden-yellow, baseball-sized melons have crisp, refreshingly sweet pale yellow flesh. Grown in Asia for centuries, this melon is just starting to appear in specialty produce markets. 85-95 days.

Cucumis sativus
'Sikkim' Cucumber
 A unique, rusty-red cucumber discovered in the Himalayas of Sikkim and Nepal by Sir Joseph Hooker in 1848, this variety produces an abundance of large, fat fruit up to 15" long by 6" wide. The reddish-brown fruits are marked with yellow and are delicious eaten raw or cooked - in Asia cucumbers are often stir-fried and are quite tasty.



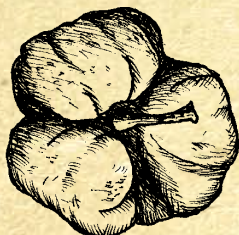
Cucurbita moschata
'Speckled Hound'
 Beautiful, blue-green variegation splashes across pale orange, lightly ribbed winter squash. The highly ornamental 4-6 lb. fruits are also quite delicious, with dense, sweet, nutty golden flesh that's excellent for pies or cooking. 95-100 days from transplant.

Cucurbita moschata
'Thai Large Black Pumpkin'
 Beautiful, black colored squash turn tan in storage. Fruits are flattened, ribbed and have a textured skin. The 10 lb. fruits have thick, sweet yellow flesh. Heavy yields in hot, humid climates. Collected from Thailand.



Cucumis melo var. reticulatus
'Tigger' Melon
 Vibrant yellow fruit with brilliant fire-red zigzag stripes and fragrant, sweet, white flesh that gets sweeter when grown dry. Small in size, the fruits weigh about 1 lb. Vigorous plants yield heavily. Heirloom variety rediscovered at an Armenian produce market.

Cucurbita maxima
'Triamble' Winter Squash
 Extremely rare variety from Australia, brought to the U.S. in 1932. Chubby blue-green fruits with ribbed bumpy rinds have very thick flesh and few seeds - excellent for pies or baking. Stores very well. 110-120 days.



Cucurbita moschata
'Tromboncino' Squash
 Long thin fruit up to 3 feet long curves to a bell at the flower end like a trombone or question mark, fine sweet flavor, harvestable at several stages; for best quality grow on a trellis and harvest at 8 to 18 inches.

Cucumis melo 'Valencia' Winter Melon
 Listed in 1830's seed catalogs, sugar-sweet 'Valencia' is back! A wrinkly blackish green rind covers sweet, crisp, cream-colored flesh that ripens slowly after picking. 'Valencia' is considered a winter melon because it keeps four months.



Lagenaria lycopersicum
Variegated Tomato
 Amazing heirloom tomato from Ireland! The pretty white- and green-leaved vines grow 8-10 feet tall on a trellis, rewarding you with dependable, heavy harvests of round 2" fruits that are good for slicing, drying, or canning. Indeterminate.

'Wild Galapagos Tomato'

A truly wild tomato species, found growing in rocky, exposed conditions just feet from the ocean on the Galapagos Islands. The grape-sized yellow-orange tomatoes have intense flavor - sweet, salty & complex. Determinate. 70 days from transplant.



Scorpiurus sp. 'Worm & Caterpillar Pods'
 The rolled up pods of caterpillar plants taste like paper but can be slipped into salads to surprise unwary diners. The grooved pods of various species are solid-colored or striped, smooth, hairy, or prickly.

Cucurbita pepo
'Yugoslavian Finger Fruit' Squash
 Creamy white fruits each have ten distinctive finger-like ribs that come to a point at the end of the squash. First introduced in 1885, this unusual 1-2 pound heirloom variety from Massachusetts makes a superb ornamental for fall decoration - or eat as a summer squash when fruits are small. 90-100 days.

