



2017 MHPL Seed Library Offerings

We are thankful for the community members who donated and returned seeds. This is crucial for our Seed Library to continue. We are also grateful for the A.P. Whaley Seed Company in Blue Mounds, WI, for their generous donations.



These pages only list the seeds we ordered. Along with these seeds, we have numerous donated varieties. We also had a patron donate a generous amount of seeds, complete with their growing information and histories. This separate catalog is located in the library. We highly recommend visiting and browsing!

BEANS

Dry Beans:

Some sources recommend not eating dry bean varieties raw due to toxins. The toxins are removed by cooking.

Bean, Bush, Dry

Variety: Black Turtle

Very Prolific. Vigorous, dwarf, bush-type plants bear heavy yields of small black beans, 7-8 per pod. The young pods are crisp and tender and may be used as snap beans if picked early. Donated seed from 2015 growing season. Original seed from Vermont Bean Seed Company.

Bean, Bush, Shell

Variety: Etna

Cranberry style. Prolific and Hardy. Red & green speckled pods filled with cream & rose mottled beans. Vigorous, bush-type plants yield 6" broad pods filled w/buff colored beans. Original seed from Vermont Bean Seed. Donated seed from 2015 growing season.

Bean, Dry, Bush

Variety: Ireland Creek Annie

English Heirloom. Prolific. Produces an excellent thick sauce as they cook. Original seed from Seed Savers Exchange. Donated seed from 2015 growing season.

Bean, Dry Shell, Bush

Variety: Peregrine

Prolific, sprawling plants. Produces different colored beans in every pod – solid mocha, bittersweet chocolate, many with contrasting stripes or marbling! Donated seed from 2015 growing season. Original seed from Vermont Bean Seed.

Cowpea (dry pea)

Variety: Black Eye Cowpea

Vigorous plants, sprawling bush, heavy yield. Sweet, pea-like taste and buttery texture. 6 to 7" pods filled with large, smooth-skinned seeds delicious seeds. Donated seed from 2015 growing season. Original seed from Vermont Bean Seed.

Snap Beans:

Bean, Bush

Blue Lake Bush 274

Developed from Blue Lake Pole. Dark green pods, fine texture, great flavor, excellent quality and heavy yields. Widely adapted and good disease resistance. Great for fresh eating, market, freezing and canning. Introduced in 1961. Dark green 5-6" pods. 55 days. Seed from A.P. Whaley Seed Company.

Bean, Bush

Variety: Bountiful

Introduced in 1898! Stringless, straight, flat 6-8" pods. Heavy yielding. Good for canning and freezing. Bush. 16" tall. 47-50 days. Original seed donated by A.P. Whaley Seed Company.

Bean, Pole

Variety: Greasy Grits

Gets its name because pods are smoother and shinier than other beans, giving it a "greasy" appearance. Can be used as snap or dry bean. Highly productive vines. Donated seed from 2015 growing season. Original seed from Baker Creek Heirloom Seed Company.

Bean, Bush

Variety: Provider

Very desirable variety. Sturdy 16-18" tall plants with straight 5-6" pods borne in clusters. Widely adapted, stringless and good disease resistance. One of the best for freezing and canning. A real workhorse! 48-55 days. Original seed donated by A.P. Whaley Seed Company.

Bean, Bush

Variety: Royal Burgundy

Distinctive purple foliage, flowers and pods. Pods tend to curve slightly and grow 5" long, completely stringless. Pods turn green when blanched. Will germinate well in cold wet soil. Introduced by the University of New Hampshire. 50-55 days. Original seed donated by A.P. Whaley Seed Company.

Wax Bean:

Bean, Wax (Bush)

Variety: Pencil Pod Wax

Introduced in 1900 and has stood the test of time. Vigorous 15-20" plants are loaded with stringless, high-quality, 5-7" long pods. Good disease resistance. A great all purpose, old-time favorite, sure to survive another 100 years. 50-55 days. Original seed donated by A.P. Whaley Seed Company.

BEET

Chioggia

Italian heirloom named after a small fishing village. Also known as the Bull's Eye Beet due to its alternating red and white stripes. Nice sweet flavor, mild flavored beet greens can be used raw or cooked. Roasted roots will retain colors. Known since at least 1840. 55-65 days. Original seed donated by A.P. Whaley Seed Company.

CUCUMBER

Muncher

Very tender variety that is excellent for fresh eating right out of the garden. Muncher is nearly spineless. Fruits are 6-8" long and 3" wide, strong vigorous vines. Non-bitter, burpless variety, can be eaten at any stage of growth. If using for pickles, pick when the fruits are 4-6" long. 60-65 days.

Original seed donated by A.P. Whaley Seed Company.

HERBS

Arugula (*Found in Leafy Greens Seed Box*)

Grown for its sharp nutty flavored leaves and seeds. Best picked when young and tender. Does well in early spring or fall, prefers cool weather. Make successive sowings for a continuous supply. Will produce 3-5 cuttings if kept well picked. Veady to pick in as few as 25 days from sowing. Seed from A.P. Whaley Seed Company.

Sweet Genovese Basil

The classic Italian sweet basil, prized for its large leaves, wonderful aroma and spicy flavor. This is the best choice for making pesto. Plants will grow 18-24" tall. Make successive sowings for a steady supply and make sure to dry or freeze some for winter use. Annual. Original seed donated by A.P. Whaley Seed Company.

KALE

 (*Found in Leafy Greens Seed Box*)

Red Russian

Originally from Siberia and brought to Canada by Russian traders around 1885. Frilly tender leavers, excellent flavor. Very frost tolerant, some claim it can resist freezing up to 0 degrees F., making it possible to have fresh Kale up to Christmas in the Upper Midwest. 50-65 days from transplant. Original seed donated by A.P. Whaley Seed Company.

LETTUCE

 (*Found in Leafy Greens Seed Box*)

Buttercrunch

All American Selections winner from 1966, bred by Dr. Raleigh at Cornell. Well known with growers and consumers. Small heads weight 12-14 oz. each. Very tender, nice flavor, does well in the Midwest heat. 50-60 days. Original seed donated by A.P. Whaley Seed Company.

Heirloom Cutting Mixture

A must for every garden. Grow along side your Bull's Blood Beet, Arugula and Spinach for an even larger greens mixture. Well balanced formula mixture of Baby Oakleaf, Bronze Beauty, Buttercrunch, Crisp Mint, Freckles, Ice Queen, Grandpa Admirer's, Pablo, Outredgeous, Black Seeded Simpson, Speckled and Tennis Ball. Ready to start using in as little as 30 days. Original seed donated by A.P. Whaley Seed Company.

SPINACH (*Found in Leafy Greens Seed Box*)

Bloomsdale

One of the first crops to be sown in early spring. This quick-growing variety is a heavy yielder and is slow to bolt. Withstands both heat and cold. Excellent for fresh eating or for canning. Introduced around 1910. 40-50 days. Original seed donated by A.P. Whaley Seed Company.

SQUASH

Squash, Winter

Variety: Delicata

Ready to use straight out of the garden. 1-2 lbs. Rich sweet potato tasting flavor, short vines. Stores well, excellent for stuffing or baking. 95-100 days. Original seed donated by A.P. Whaley Seed Company.

SWISS CHARD

Bright Lights

Improved for colors, stems can be yellow, gold, orange, pink, violet or striped in addition to red or white. Easy to grow from seed or transplanted as young plants. Use as an edible garnish, in salads or in many tasty recipes, "Bright Lights" has great taste. It's a standout in any vegetable or flower garden. Ready to eat in as few as 35 days as baby greens. 1998 AAS Award Winner. Original seed donated by A.P. Whaley Seed Company.

TOMATOES

Variety: Gold Medal

A.K.A. Ruby Gold. Bi-colored (yellow/red) variety. Repeat winner of many taste tests. Wonderful 1 pound fruits. Indeterminate, 80-90 days from transplant. Original seed donated by A.P. Whaley Seed Company.

Variety: Purple Cherokee

Productive plants. 12 oz. fruits. Excellent flavor. Thought to be from the Cherokee Nation. Indeterminate, but rarely grows taller than 4'. 75-90 days from transplant. Original seed donated by A.P. Whaley Seed Company.

Variety: Speckled Roman

The result of a stabilized cross between Antique Roman and Banana Legs. Meaty fruits have very few seeds and are splashed with jagged orange and yellow stripes. Great tomato flavor, well suited for processing and fresh eating. Indeterminate, 80 days from transplant. Original seed donated by A.P. Whaley Seed Company.

PEPPERS

Sweet Chocolate (Sweet Pepper)

Early maturing and very productive. Medium sized fruits ripens from green to chocolate on the outside and brick red inside. Thick sweet flesh. Ripens early in the North or South. Will tolerate cool nights. 60-85 days from transplant. Original seed donated by A.P. Whaley Seed Company.

Black Hungarian (Hot Pepper)

A great ornamental edible. Sturdy 24" plants are loaded with 3" black, jalapeno shaped fruits that ripen to red. In a typical season, you may have your first edible fruits by the middle of July in southern Wisconsin. Medium heat, 75 days from transplant. Original seed donated by A.P. Whaley Seed Company.

WATERMELON

Sweet Dakota Rose

Developed by North Dakota farmer David Podoll who stabilized a cross between Early Canada and Black Diamond. Fruits weight 10-20 pounds and are well adapted to cool, short seasons. Striped fruits with bright red flesh and great flavor. Very productive variety. 80 days. Original seed donated by A.P. Whaley Seed Company.

