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Angelica	0.5 yr	15-21°C	21 to 25	stratify for 6 weeks in crisper of fridge, then sow.
Artichokes, Globe, French	3 yrs	15-24°C	12 to 18	none
Asparagus	1 yr	24-30°C	14 to 21	soak seed in warm water for up to 48 hours, then sow in a dark place.
Basils, Sweet, Thai, Lemon, Purple, Anise	2 yrs	21-25°C	7 to 10	none
Bean: Soybean	3 yrs	22-32°C	12 to 15	needs inoculation with nitrogen fixing rhizobium and sow direct
Beans: French, Snap, String, Snake, Kidney, Wax, Broad	3 yrs	20-25°C	5 to 10	12h soaking - might need inoculation of nitrogen rhizobium or bacterium - do not water until after germination
Beans: Sword, Madagascar, Lima, Lablab	3 yrs	22-32°C	12 to 15	12h soaking - might need inoculation of nitrogen rhizobium or bacterium - do not water until after germination
Bitter Melon, Murop Dong, Kerala	5 yrs	25-35°C	5 to 7	sow direct
Bok Choy, Mustard Greens, Chinese Cabbage	5 yrs	6-22°C	8 to 12	none
Borage	3 yrs	8-18°C	7 to 10	needs dark to germinate & sow direct
Broccoli, heading & perpetual types, Kailaan or Chinese Broccoli	5 yrs	18-24°C	10 days	
Brussels Sprouts	5 yrs	20-24°C	10 days	none
Cabbages, heading types	5 yrs	18-25°C	10 to 14	none
Cai Baphao, Chinese White Cabbage, Pak Choy	5 yrs	20-30°C	8 to 10	none
Capsicums, Sweet Bell Peppers, Sweet Hungarian	4 yrs	22-27°C	10 to 12	seed needs sunlight to germinate
Carrot	3 yrs	6-24°C	14 to 21	sow direct not too deep and keep moist
Cauliflower	5 yrs	20-25°C	10 to 14	none
Celeriac, Turnip-rooted Celery	6 yrs	20-24°C	21 to 25	none
Celery	6 yrs	20-24°C	21 to 25	none
Chervil	3 yrs	14-21°C	7 to 14	sow direct
Chick Pea, Garbanzo Bean, Ceci	10 yrs	20-25°C	6 to 10	12h soaking - might need inoculation of nitrogen rhizobium or bacterium - do not water until after germination
Chilli Hot Peppers	4 yrs	20-25°C	16 to 18	seed need sunlight to germinate
Chives, Chinese, Kau Tsoi, He, Garlic	2 yrs	20-25°C	7 to 14	none
Coriander, Cilantro, Chinese Parsley, Dhania, Ngó	3 yrs	10-28°C	7 to 12	seeds need dark to germinate and sow direct
Cucumbers, Apple, Continental, Lebanese	7 yrs	20-25°C	7 to 10	sow direct
Daikon, Japanese White Raddish, Cu Cai Trang,	5 yrs	12-25°C	3 to 8	none
Dill	3 yrs	10-18°C	7 to 14	none
Eggplant, Aubergine, Càphaó, Bringal	4 yrs	24-32°C	7 to 14	none
Endive, Escarole	5 yrs	20-25°C	7 to 10	none
Fennel, Finocchio	3 yrs	12-20°C	5 to 12	none
Garlic	*	12-20°C	7 to 14	seldom sets seed so it is more commonly propagated by division
Gourds, White Flowering, Turk's Cap	5 yrs	20-25°C	7 to 10	soak overnight then sow swollen seeds direct
Gourds, Yellow Flowering, Ornamental	5 yrs	20-25°C	7 to 10	sow direct
Kohlrabi	5 yrs	20-25°C	10 to 14	none
Leek	3 yrs	14-25°C	7 to 14	none
Lemon Balm	2 yrs	12-20°C	7 to 15	none
Lemon Grass, Hxa, Sha	0.5 yr	15-28°C	20 to 50	sow direct, low viability, best propagated by division of culms
Lettuces, Crispheads, Cos, Butterhead, Mignonette	3 yrs	8-30°C	7 to 10	none
Lovage	3 yrs	12-20°C	10 to 15	none

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Lucerne, Alfalfa	10 yrs	12-20°C	4 to 8	needs inoculation with nitrogen-fixing rhizobium, unless grown for sprouts
Marjoram, Sweet	3 yrs	20-22°C	8 to 14	none
Mints, Mentha species and forms	2 yrs	8-20°C	10 to 22	none
Ngó Gai, Eryngium foetidum	3 yrs	15-28°C	12 to 48	none
Okra, Gumbo, Ladyfingers	2 yrs	20-34°C	7 to 14	soak seeds overnight
Onions, Spring, Shallots, Scallions	3 yrs	20-25°C	7 to 14	none
Oregano	3 yrs	20-22°C	8 to 14	none
Parsley, Curly, Italian	1 yr	12-22°C	14 to 21	soak seeds for 24 hours, then sow direct
Parsnip	0.5 yr	5-20°C	21 to 27	soak seeds for 24 hours, then sow direct
Peanuts, Ground Nuts	2 yrs	20-30°C	18 to 30	make sure you secure raw peanuts not roasted!
Peas, Sugar, Snow, Climbers, Asparagus	2 yrs	12-24°C	7 to 20	sow direct into moist soil, then do not water heavily until they sprout (just keep soil moist)
Pumpkins, Butternut, Qld. Blue, Nuggets, Triamble	7 yrs	20-25°C	7 to 10	sow direct
Radicchio, Italian Chicory	4 yrs	20-24°C	6 to 12	none
Radishes, French Breakfast, Globe, Icicle	4 yrs	5-28°C	4 to 6	sow direct
Rau Munông, Kang kong, Water Spinach	1 yr	20-32°C	10 days	From cuttings is much easier than from seed
Rockmelon, Cantaloupe, Sweet, Musk, Honeydew	5 yrs	22-27°C	6 to 10	sow direct
Rosella, Jamaican Sorrel	2 yrs	22-34°C	7 to 14	none however, soaking in warm water overnight helps to bring on germination.
Sage	4 yrs	6-18°C	18 to 30	none
Savory, Summer, Winter	3 yrs	10-20°C	7 to 14	none
Silver Beet, Swiss Chard, Rainbow Chard	4 yrs	7-20°C	7 to 12	none, but soaking seed overnight in water produces an even germination
Sorrel, Garden, French	3 yrs	6-15°C	7 to 12	none
Spinach, English, see Warrigal	1 yr	6-18°C	8 to 12	none
Strawberry, ever-bearing, spring cropping	2 yrs	12-20°C	21 to 30	none, however stratifying may increase germination, which is often erratic
Sweet Corn, Popping, Indian Maize	2 yrs	2-25°C	5 to 7	sow direct, beware since most seed varieties are F1 today
Thyme	4 yrs	12-18°C	21 to 30	none
Tomatoes, Bush, Climbers, Determinate, Indeterminate	4 yrs	21-25°C	4 to 7	none, but if saving your own seed, ferment for a few days then wash the inhibitor off and dry to store
Ts'oi Sum, Golden Cabbage	5 yrs	20-24°C	8 to 12	none
Turnips, Swedes, Neeps, Hakurei, Rutabaga	1 yr	7-12°C	7 to 10	sow direct
Warrigal Cabbage, Native or New Zealand Spinach, Tetragonia tetragonioides	4 yrs	10-20°C	10 to 20	self seeds prolifically on disturbed soil in full sun with good drainage
Watercress, Nasturium officinale	3 yrs	10-15°C	7 to 10	sow direct on wet media, do not cover as it needs sunlight to germinate
Watermelon	5 yrs	20-25°C	6 to 8	sow direct
Zucchini, Bush Squash, Acorn Squash	7 yrs	21-25°C	7 to 10	sow direct