

Green Door Gardens

Heirloom Tomato Varieties

2022

- Please visit the website www.greendoorgardens.ca to submit an order, and for a selection of photos
- Tomato plants are approx. one foot tall and priced at \$6.50 each
- Customers will be contacted during the first week of May to arrange a date and time for pick-up at the farm – 9588 Sinclair Drive, Middlesex Centre (between Komoka & Strathroy)
- For inquiries, please email greendoorgardens@gmail.com or Text/Phone 519-670-8405

Thank you!

Plants will be ready for pick-up
by appointment only May 18 – 31, incl.

Join us Saturday, May 21, between 10 and 1, when
we will also be selling dahlia tubers, pottery
artwork, birdhouse gourds, and more!



CHERRY VARIETIES

Black Cherry - Deep purple to mahogany-brown cherry tomatoes, 1 inch in size. An abundant producer, yielding loads of sweet flavoured fruit that is beautiful to mix with other cherry tomatoes. The plants are large and sprawling and are early producers.

British Breakfast - A very prolific variety that is popular in the British Isles. Produces large oval cherry tomatoes that are very mild tasting.

Camp Joy – a.k.a. **Chadwick Cherry**, is a compact plant bearing loads of 1-inch red, smooth fruit. Disease resistant. No staking required. A very early variety that suits **small gardens and planters**.

Currant, Red - A semi-wild relative of tomatoes known as 'teaspoon' tomatoes because they are so small. They originate from South America and have intense flavour and tiny fruit that is wonderful in a salad, or as a snack for children.

Currant, Yellow – See description for Red Currant. A sweeter version of the same!

Gardener's Delight - The largest red cherry tomato that I offer, this variety bears red fruit that is slightly smaller than a golf ball and is loaded with sugary sweet flavour. Good yields in clusters of 6-12. **Grows well in pots.**

Green Grape - A productive bush tomato originally developed by the Tater Mater Seed Co. The 1-inch yellowish green fruits are borne in clusters that resemble grapes. They are delicious, juicy and mild and make a wonderful contrast in salads. When ripe the fruit has green shoulders and a golden/green flesh.

Lemon Drop – My **favourite** yellow cherry tomato, this variety is juicy and low in acid. An early and vigorous producer with excellent disease resistance. Makes a lovely contrast in salads when combined with green, red and dark cherry tomato varieties.

Peacevine – This early red cherry variety has a high level of gamma-amino butyric acid, a body sedative that calms jitters, lending to its name. In a study by Rutgers University, this variety was also found to have the highest Vitamin C content among 30 varieties of cherry tomatoes that were analyzed. A delicious, smaller cherry variety on my '**Favourites**' list year after year.

Peking Panda – for those who love Yellow Pear tomatoes, this earlier variety bears yellow pear-shaped fruit that is crack-resistant and also low in acid. The plant is bushier and more productive.

Purple Bumblebee – A companion to Sunrise Bumblebee, this variety has a rich colour and beautiful brownish-green streaks.

Red Fig – Popular in America since the 18th century, this rare variety bears 1 ½ inch, pear shaped fruit. The fruit is considered sweet and tasty.

Red Pear – From the early 1800's, this variety is a hit if you love climbing tomato plants. Customers claim that this one has reached their eavestrough! The small red, pear-shaped fruit is very pretty in salads.

Riesentraube – Pre-1856, this rare German heirloom, which translates as “giant bunch of grapes” grows in clusters of 20 – 40 one-inch fruit that has an interesting pointed tip. The tomatoes are red and mild-tasting and the plant is very bushy and productive.

Sunrise Bumblebee – This large oblong cherry tomato is a blend of reds and oranges, inside and out, and is sweet, juicy and fruity in taste. An excellent producer (and companion to Pink Bumblebee and Purple Bumblebee varieties).



SMALL TO MEDIUM VARIETIES

Black from Tula – This is one of the largest Russian heirlooms, from Tula. A midseason variety that bears 3-4 inch fruit that is somewhat flattened, and purple-black with deep green shoulders. Described as slightly salty, rich and smokey tasting.

Black Zebra – A very unique looking fruit with tender and dark coloured flesh with jagged green striping. The foliage is very bushy and compact, ideal for small places. Identical to Green Zebra in growth habit but stronger tasting.

Bonny Best - A popular favourite that hails from 1908, produced by the Bonnie Plant Farm. This mid-season variety is a dual-purpose tomato that produces an abundance of smooth, round red fruit, ideal for both eating and canning.

NEW! Carmello – A later variety that bears smooth, round, 2 – 3 inch red and yellow fruit. It has small seed cavities and a meaty interior, and is crack resistant.

Clint Eastwood's Rowdy Red – Named after the famous actor, this variety was developed for disease resistance and intense flavour. The tall plant produces 2-inch, deep red, round fruit with a subtle point at the end. The flesh is firm and juicy with plenty of acidity, making it ideal for cooking and canning.

Dad's Sunset – Another *favourite* that bears clusters of smooth, medium-sized, golden orange fruit on a very compact, bushy plant. Slightly tart and juicy with small seed cavities and few seeds. Good disease resistance.

Double Rich – For those who love a small luncheon tomato, this variety bears smooth red fruit that is noted for containing twice the amount of vitamin C as other tomato varieties.

Early Wonder – A *determinate* variety introduced by the Burgess Seed and Plant Co, in 1950. This is an extra-early compact variety that bears a generous crop of dark pink, smooth and round fruit. Perfect for shorter growing seasons, and *container* gardening.

German Lunchbox - This vibrant pink tomato is the size of a small egg, and is described as 'sugar sweet'. Perfect for packing in lunches or adding to salads.

Glamour – a very popular mid-season variety. Bears strong, medium to large red, firm fruit with good taste and crack tolerance. Ideal for slicing and canning.

Green Zebra - Developed in 1985 by tomato breeder Tom Wagner, this is an unusual tomato. The 2-inch round fruit ripens to a yellow-gold with pale green zebra-like stripes. A great tomato for brightening up salads and other tomato dishes, with a very mild flavour. (Also see Black Zebra)

Harbinger – Introduced in 1910 and favoured by tomato enthusiasts for its cold weather tolerance and very *early* yields. Bears small, smooth red fruit.

Japanese Black Trifele – This unique heirloom of Russian descent bears dark red fruit with green shoulders, and is shaped like a small pear. The plant is compact, reaching about 4 feet in height, and has potato leaf foliage. It is an attractive addition to the plate, especially when sliced and fanned out, drizzled with olive oil and sprinkled with basil. Crack-resistant.

Jaune Flammé – This heirloom from France bears abundant and early crops of deep orange, small fruit that is smooth, juicy and delicious. This has been a *favourite* at farmers' markets since the late 1990's and is excellent for fresh eating, roasting or drying.

Lime Salad – This variety bears small greenish-yellow fruit bursting with juicy, tart flavour, on a very compact plant. An excellent contrast in salads, and ideal for growing in pots or small gardens.

Longkeeper – It is a real treat to be able to harvest tomatoes at season's end and know that you can continue to enjoy them for weeks. The fruit is 3-5 oz and bright red. Pick before frost when green or slightly blushed and set indoors on newspaper (or wrap individually). The fruit can last up to 3 months.

Marmande – a pretty red variety that bears 10 – 16 oz, slightly flattened and lightly ridged fruit. Excellent for market production or canning, this variety is described in catalogues as having "... a full spectrum of delicious complex flavours". I find it to be slightly salty and juicy, a delicious addition to salads.

Midnight Select – A rare heirloom that bears purple to black fruit with a red interior. The plants reach about 4 feet high and the productive fruit is borne in tresses of 6. Fruit is best picked when the tops turn black and just before the flesh begins to soften.

Moneymaker – An incredibly reliable tomato from the 60's and 70's, this variety bears abundant clusters of small, round, red fruit. A rare old English heirloom that grows very well in hot, humid climates. Excellent productivity. Plant is very bushy and requires little staking. If you're looking for a hardy variety that provides a steady supply of tomatoes, this is it!

Nyagous - A prolific, rare Russian variety and one of my *favourites*. The beautiful, flawless fruit is smooth and oblong, with brown-green shoulders that streak downward to dark red flesh. Exceptional sweet flavour with meaty flesh that freezes well. A late variety.

Persimmon – This 3-5 inch orange fruit has a sweet, fruity flavour and flawless exterior. Plants spread 3 – 5 feet across.

Polish - A compact 3-4 foot plant that suits a standard tomato cage. It bears few branches but is loaded with beautiful red fruit that resists cracking and disease. Very productive and tolerant of wet weather.

Purple Calabesh – an unusual variety that has been called the ugliest tomato in the world. The small fruit is heavily ridged and pinkish. Its saving grace is its excellent flavour and ability to tolerate extreme drought conditions. Ideal ‘chunked’ into salads.

NEW! Rose de Berne – A mid-season Swiss variety that bears dark pink, medium-sized fruit with a perfect globe shape and smooth, crack-free skin. The fruit is thin-skinned, and the taste is juicy with a ‘zingy’ flavour. Heavy yielding, and ideal for salads.

Tigerella - A highly productive English variety that bears loads of 2-3 inch red fruit with pale greenish-yellow jagged stripes. Very mild tasting. Plant is bushy and doesn’t require staking. Attractive in salads.



LARGE VARIETIES

NEW! Allegheny Sunset – A mid-season variety that bears 12 – 16 oz yellow/red streaked fruit. Very meaty and heavy, with small seed cavities.

NEW! Amana Orange – An early to mid-season variety known for its sweet tangy flavour and excellent production. The giant orange fruit makes a delicious sauce that is low in acid and very tasty!

Aunt Ruby’s German Green - This fruit weighs up to one lb. and grows in clusters of 2 or 3. It is ripe when it turns light green with a hint of yellow, and has a greenish-pink interior. The fruit is meaty and juicy with a slightly acidic flavour, and has small seed cavities. A delicious tomato, and a beautiful contrast when combined with yellow and red varieties.

Believe It or Not – This popular variety bears huge pinkish-red beefsteak fruit with tender, juicy and meaty flesh. A smooth-shouldered slicer with excellent flavour.

Berkeley Tie Dye Green – A very attractive, large slicing tomato with red and yellow striping on greenish fruit. The thick interior flesh is dark, streaked with red and yellow, and has very few seeds. It is described as acidic and spicy sweet. Fair to good production, this variety would suit those who prefer a smaller harvest.

Big Rainbow – This mid-season variety is one of the prettiest bi-coloured tomatoes, producing fruit up to 2 lbs. The flavour is delicious and sweet, with low acid. The yellow fruit is streaked with red, from the exterior to the flesh.

Black Krim – Originally from the Isle of Krim on the Black Sea, this rare tomato produces large, maroon fruit with deep green shoulders. Well-loved for its intense flavour, it has been described as smokey or salty in taste and is an attractive slicer. The thin-skinned fruit is prone to cracking in wet weather and is best picked before it fully ripens. Late-bearing.

Brookpact – A very early variety that is perfect for those with limited space. Plants are small but produce lots of regular to large red fruit.

Carbon – This variety bears large and meaty fruit, and is one of the darker varieties. It is smooth-skinned and has a more complex and acidic flavour that is common in darker tomatoes.

Cherokee Purple – a late variety believed to have come from Cherokee gardeners of Tennessee pre-1890. Cherokee Purple is a large, slightly ridged variety with a deep rose colour and grows on large vines. The flavour is considered rich and full, and a favourite of heirloomists.

Dinnerplate – a beautiful red oxheart-shaped fruit that can reach 1 lb, with great flavour and productivity.

NEW! Golden Danube – This is a mid-season variety that bears huge, golden yellow/orange meaty tomatoes. It's great for slicing or chopping to add colour to salads. The fruit is smooth and slightly ridged.

Kellogg's Breakfast – This variety bears 1-lb deep orange beefsteak tomatoes that are thin-skinned, meaty and juicy. The fruit has few seeds and has a wonderful sweet, tangy flavour. The juice and inside flesh have the same bright colour as orange juice. Originally bred by Darrell Kellogg, a railway supervisor from Michigan. It makes a delicious tomato soup!

NEW! Marglobe Supreme – A *determinate* variety, that bears globe-shaped, flawless red fruit that is thick-skinned, sweet tasting and highly productive. An excellent canning tomato.

NEW! Marvel Stripe Large – This heirloom treat is originally from the Zapotec people of southern Mexico, and has large, pleated yellow fruit with red striping from the blossom end. Sweet and juicy tasting, with long storage capability. Before frost, place the fruit on newspaper indoors (not touching), and enjoy until the new year!

Mennonite - A popular beefsteak with very small seed cavities. This is an excellent slicing tomato with orange-red flesh, meaty interior and wonderful sweet flavour. It is very disease resistant and tolerant of wet conditions.

Montreal Tasty – A smooth, large red slicer that grows well on compact vines and is great for planters or families with room for only one type of tomato.

Mortgage Lifter - Also known as “Radiator Charlie’s Mortgage Lifter”, this variety was developed in West Virginia during the Great Depression. Charlie was an auto radiator repairman who had a radiator repair business at the foot of a steep hill on which trucks would often overheat. He charged \$1 a plant and paid off his mortgage of \$6000 in six years. Gardeners would drive up to 200 miles to buy his famous plants. The large pink fruit has a hint of saltiness and is very tasty – an excellent slicer on a highly productive and disease resistant plant.

NEW! Mrs. Bot’s Italian Giant – A mid-season, large red beefsteak from the Verieto region of Italy. The fruit is slightly flattened in shape and lightly ridged. A wonderful, full flavour.

Paul Robeson – This Siberian heirloom was named after the operatic singer who won acclaim as an advocate of equal rights for Blacks. He was admired worldwide. The dark red fruit with green shoulders is slightly flattened, and has a red flesh interior. The taste is described as earthy with a good acid/sweet balance.

Pineapple – A late season beefsteak with beautiful yellow-orange fruit with red streaks on the blossom end. The fruit can reach 1-1/2 lbs in size! Has a sweet pineapple flavour. Popular with chefs and markets.

NEW! Pumpkin – A mid-season variety that bears huge, tasty heart-shaped fruit that is pinkish in colour. Needs staking and pruning to keep the fruit off the ground.

NEW! Tappy’s Heritage – A beautiful, smooth large red fruit that is globe-shaped. Good disease resistance, great yields and a flawless skin. Very popular with market growers for its reliable productivity, beauty and flavour.

Watermelon Beefsteak – This has been a favourite for 100 years, descending from a few mountain families in West Virginia, and was introduced to the market in 1958. The beefsteak fruit is 1- 2-lbs in size, pink with greenish shoulders and is slightly ridged. The flavour is described as “... loaded with deliciously rich, old-time tomato flavors.”



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San Marzano – A mid-season, old Italian paste tomato that bears loads of small red 3-inch fruit on mid-sized plants. This variety is very popular for its abundance and crack resistance. Great for sauces, canning or drying.

Sicilian Saucer - A flat, magnificently huge red tomato that reached up to 2 lbs. in my garden. It has thick flesh and attractive ridges, and is a juicy yet meaty tomato, excellent for sauces.

Tomatillo – Larger than ground cherries, these unique green tomatoes are 2-3 inches in size and surrounded by papery husks. When the husks turn brown, the fruit is ripe. The flavour is slightly sweet and best enjoyed in green salsa preserves with hot peppers and cilantro. A very prolific and bushy plant at 3-4 feet tall.