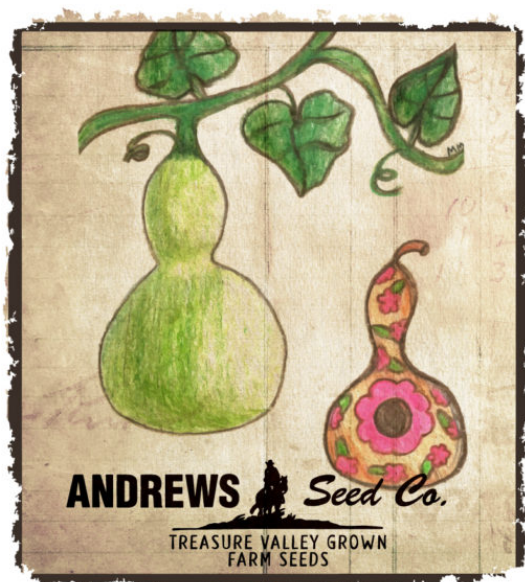


# BIRDHOUSE

## Gourds

Open-pollinated. Grows on a long vine — perfect for a fence or trellis! This *Lagenaria* bottle gourd is easy to grow and irresistible as a crafts project! Smooth-skinned, nicely-rounded green gourd is just crying out to be a crafts project!



## NOTES

### VARIETY INFO

**Botanical Name:** *Lagenaria siceraria*

**Plant Dimensions:** 10'-16'

**Days to Maturity:** 95-110

**Zone:** 2-11

### SOWING INFO

**Sow Outside:** RECOMMENDED. 2 to 4 weeks after your average last frost date, and when soil temperature is at least 60°F, ideally 70°F.

**Start Inside:** 2 to 4 weeks before your average last frost date, recommended for areas with short growing seasons. Sow in biodegradable pots that can be planted directly in the ground.

**Days to Emerge:** 5 – 10 days

**Seed Depth:** 1"

**Seed Spacing:** 4"

**Row Spacing:** 4 to 8 feet

**Thinning:** When 3" tall, thin to 3 per mound

### GROWING INFO

**Harvesting:** Hard-shelled gourds should remain in the garden as long as there is any life left in the vines. Some gourd growers leave gourds in the garden during the winter, which adds to their characteristics for craft projects. Use a sharp knife or pruners to cut stem leading to gourd, leaving 1"- 3" of stem for a handle.

**Fruit:** Light green gourds have a 10"-12" diameter, round base with narrower neck. Turns tan when dried.