

# BLACK SEEDED SIMPSON

Lettuce

The Black Seeded Simpson Lettuce is a very early and dependable lettuce. This large upright, compact leaf-type lettuce produces delicious light green, wide, curled leaves. The Black Seeded Simpson is a productive variety!



## NOTES

### VARIETY INFO

**Botanical Name:** *Lactuca sativa*

**Plant Dimensions:** 6"

**Days to Maturity:** 50

**Zone:** 3-10

### SOWING INFO

**Sow Outside:** Sow seeds 2-3" apart, rows 12-18" apart. Cover seed lightly, about 1/8", and firm soil gently. Thin to one plant every 6"-10". Dry soil must be watered to ensure coolness and moisture, and for uniform germination.

**Start Inside:** Start seeds indoors 3-4 weeks before the last frost. Seeds germinate well at low temperatures of around 40°F but do not germinate well in temperatures over 75 degrees.

**Days to Emerge:** 7-10 days

**Seed Depth:** 1/8"

**Seed Spacing:** 6"

**Row Spacing:** 12-18"

**Thinning:** Not necessary

### GROWING INFO

**Harvesting:** Mature leaves can be harvested any time in the growing cycle, until a central stem begins to form. This indicates the plant is preparing to bolt to seed, and greens collected from such plants are often too bitter for consumption. Entire plants can be harvested in mid-development while the leaves are still plump and tender, but before a stem has started to form.