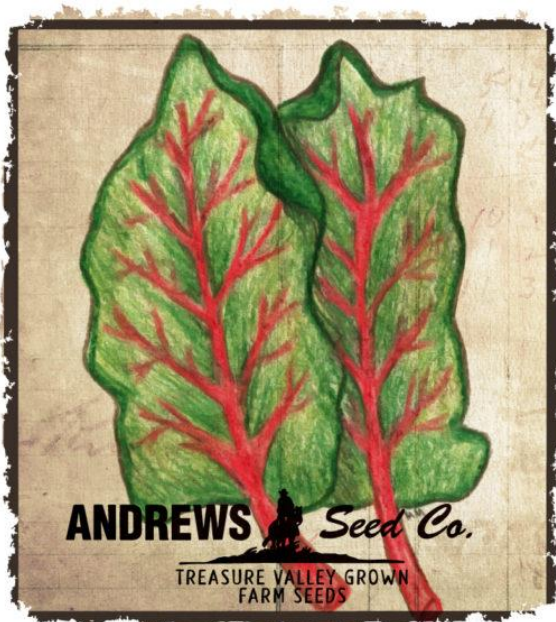


RUBY RED

Swiss Chard

Ruby Red Swiss Chard is the sweet version of the common chard. It is also known as Rhubarb Swiss Chard. This heirloom variety was native to the Mediterranean region, where it was first introduced in 1857. It features a beautiful candy apple red stalks and veins, along with dark green and wrinkled leaves



NOTES

VARIETY INFO

Botanical Name: *Beta vulgaris subsp. vulgaris*

Plant Dimensions: 24" tall, 18" wide

Days to Maturity: 50–60

Zone: 3-10

SOWING INFO

Sow Outside: RECOMMENDED. 2 to 4 weeks before last frost date, when soil temperature is at least 40°F, ideally 75°–90°F. Sow as late as 2 months before first fall frost. Mild Climates: Sow in fall. Sow the seeds ½ to 1 inch deep, spacing them 2 to 6 inches apart in rows. Space rows about 18 inches apart. Once the plants reach 3 to 4 inches tall, thin them to about 6 to 8 inches apart. Snip them with scissors and enjoy the young seedlings as a snack!

Start Inside: Not Recommended.

Days to Emerge: 7-14 days

Seed Depth: ½"

Seed Spacing: 8-12"

Row Spacing: 18-24"

Thinning: Not necessary

GROWING INFO

Harvesting: Pick up to 1/3 of the outer leaves as needed, and let more leaves grow from the center of the plant; or, if desired, harvest the whole plant 2" above ground, and it will grow back. Pick very young leaves, at 2"-4" for using fresh in salads.