

How to Save Seeds...Continued

Advanced Seeds

Most of these vegetables are outbreeding and pollinated by wind or insects. They are commonly found flowering in local neighborhoods, making isolation very difficult. Seeds that require hand pollination, tenting, and other methods to ensure varietal purity are labeled “advanced.” **These families will readily cross with unseen nearby plants and may create odd and possibly inedible varieties in one generation.**

Mustard Family (*Brassicaceae*): Asian greens, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, collards, kale, kohlrabi, mustard, turnip. **Exceptions that are easy:** Arugula, rutabaga.

Gourd Family (*Cucurbitaceae*): cucumbers, gourds, luffa, melons, pumpkin, summer squash, winter squash.

Exceptions that are easy: Plant uncommon cucurbits like gourds, mixta squash, luffa. Hand pollinate to ensure purity with this family.



Grass Family (*Poaceae*): barley, corn, kamut, millet, oats, sorghum, wheat.

Corn readily crosses with different, unseen varieties. It is unlikely that saved seeds will be like their parents.

Exceptions that are easy: Sorghum is easy to save because it does not cross. All other crops in this family are so uncommon in backyards that they are easy to save.



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