

Pea



Skill Level-Easy

Dwarf Gray Sugar: 60 days. Broad pale green 3-4" pods are stringless and free of fiber. Well suited for steaming or frying. Vines grow 24-30" and do not require staking. Quite prolific. Edible pod.

How to plant:

DIRECT SEED 2" Apart

SEED DEPTH 1"

GERMINATION 7-14 Days

ROWS 36"-48" Apart

NUMBER OF PLANTS 25+

Green Thumb Tip

Peas don't generally cross-pollinate but to be sure they don't, sow different varieties 5'-10' apart and plant a tall barrier crop between them.

Harvesting the seed:

Allow pods to dry on the plant until the peas are thoroughly dry and rattling in the pods, about a month after harvesting for eating. If the forecast calls for wet weather before the peas are dry, pull up the plants whole and stack them loosely in a well-ventilated area to continue drying. If birds start eating the seeds before the pods are completely dry, they can be harvested slightly green and brought indoors to dry. After a few weeks, remove the peas from the pods by hand or by threshing. To thresh, hold the plants upside down against a large garbage can and whack them, or put them in a burlap or plastic bag and walk on them or lightly beat them against a hard surface. Separate the beans from the remaining pods and chaff by pouring from one container to another.



The Waupaca Seed Library is a circulating collection of seeds hosted by the Waupaca Area Public Library.

The seeds are available to anyone with the intention of growing and collecting new seed to be returned to the library for other patrons.

The goal is to have borrowers collect seed to make available to the public for planting the following year to continue the cycle.