

March Vegetable and Herb Gardening Calendar for Tropical Climate Australia

March heralds the beginning of autumn, so there's lots of tidying up in the garden. The weather remains warm and humid in areas as far south of the country as Sydney and Perth. With the cooler conditions and moist soils, it's also an ideal time to plant new trees, as the weather is milder and there is some time for the trees to establish themselves before winter arrives.

It's a windy month due to cyclone season that runs from November to April in the country's north. The wet season continues this month in Darwin with heavy but reducing rainfall.

Plant ginger from pieces of root and plant shoots or cuttings (slips) of sweet potato now.

Things to Do This Month:

- Compost autumn leaves
- Collect perennial seeds and divide overgrown perennial plants
- Start planting new trees, shrubs, climbers, annuals and perennials – remember to water them regularly until they establish
- Relocate evergreen shrubs (can be done either in autumn and early spring)
- Remove autumn leaves from ponds and water gardens and thin out aquatic plants
- Stop feeding container plants
- Cut down asparagus foliage as it starts turning yellow and mulch the plants generously
- Net trees to protect fruit from birds



Vegetables and Herbs to Grow in March (Tropical Climate)

March Seeds to Sow and Seedlings to Plant (Tropical Climate Australia)	Sow/Plant	Harvest (weeks)
Asparagus Pea	d	8-11
Basil	st	10-12
Beetroot	dst	7-10
Cape Gooseberry	dst	14-16
Chicory	s	16-24
Chives	s	7-11
Cucumber	s	8-10
Endive	s	10-11
Fennel (Bronze)	s	14-15
French Tarragon	s	30-40 days
Ginger	plant pieces of root	25
Kohlrabi	s	7-10
Lettuce	s	8-12
Luffa	s	11-12
Marrow	s	12-17
Mustard Greens	dst	5-8
Okra	s	11-14
Parsley	s	9-19
Peas	s	9-11
Pumpkin	s	15-20
Rockmelon (Cantaloupe)	s	10-16
Swedes (Rutabaga)	dst	10-14
Shallots	d	12-15
Silverbeet (Swiss Chard)	s	7-12
Squash	s	7-8
Sunflower	s	10-11
Sweet Corn	dst	11-14
Sweet Potato (Kumara)	plant shoots or cuttings (slips)	15-17
Watermelon	s	9-14
Zucchini (Courgette, Marrow)	s	6-9

Key:

d = sow seeds directly into ground

s = sow seeds into seed tray

ds = sow seeds directly into ground or seed tray

t = transplant seedlings (small plants) into larger pots or plant into ground

* = frost tender

** = sow after frost



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