

Deep Green Permaculture

Vegetable & Herb Gardening Calendar

September – Arid Climate, Australia

It's September, the beginning of spring, the time of new life and renewal! The weather is starting to warm up, but there are still cold days, rainy weather and winds to contend with.

Early spring is the best time to mulch garden beds, as the soil is still moist and slowly warming up.

This month is the last chance to plant bare rooted deciduous trees and shrubs, as they need time to establish before the summer heat arrives. Container grown ones with well-developed roots can be planted right through spring.



What To Plant	Method	Harvest (weeks)
Amaranth	dst	7-8
Angelica	dst	18 months
Asparagus Pea	d	8-11
Basil	st	10-12
Beans (Climbing)	dst	9-11
Beans (Dwarf, Bush)	dst	7-10
Beetroot	dst	7-10
Borage	dst	8-10
Burdock	d	17-18
Cape Gooseberry	dt	14-16
Capsicum	s	10-12
Carrot	d	12-18
Celeriac	t	14-28
Chilli	st	9-11
Chives	dst	7-11
Choko	plant tubers	17
Coriander (Cilantro)	dst	4-6
Cucumber	dst	8-10
Daikon	d	8-10
Eggplant	d	12-15
Ginger	plant root	25
Globe Artichokes	dst	42-57
Jerusalem Artichokes	plant tubers	15-20
Leeks	t	15-18
Lettuce	dst	8-12
Luffa	dt	11-12
Marrow	dst	12-17
Mizuna	t	5-7
NZ Spinach (Warrigal Greens)	s	8-10

Method 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 into larger pots or plant into ground
- * frost tender
- ** sow after frost

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Okra	dst	11-14
Oregano	dst	6-8
Pak Choy	t	6-11
Parsnip	d	17-20
Potato	plant seed potatoes	15-20
Pumpkin	dst	15-20
Radish	d	5-7
Rhubarb	plant crowns	12 months
Rocket	d	3-5
Rockmelon (Cantaloupe)	dst	10-16
Rosella	dst	21-25
Salsify	d	14-21
Shallots	d	12-15
Silverbeet (Swiss Chard)	dst	7-12
Spring Onions (Bunching Onions)	dst	6-10
Squash	dst	7-8
Sunflower	dst	10-11
Sweet Corn	dst	11-14
Sweet Marjoram	dt	8-10
Sweet Potato (Kumara)	plant crowns	15-17
Taro (Cocoyam)	plant tubers	28
Tomatillo	t	10-14
Tomato	d	8-17
Watermelon	s	9-14
Yacon	plant tubers	25
Zucchini (Courgette, Marrow)	s	6-9

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Things To Do This Month

- » Plant evergreen shrubs and trees (this includes citrus trees).
- » Relocate evergreen shrubs – they can now regrow their roots during the mild weather.
- » Last chance to plant bare-root deciduous trees, shrubs and vines (otherwise wait until autumn).
- » Feed all fruit trees if you didn't do so last month.
- » Clean up old growth in perennial herbaceous (non-woody) plants to make room for new growth.
- » Propagate plants by taking cuttings or layering (both ground layering and air layering).
- » Divide perennials, such as chives.
- » Tie canes of brambleberries to wires before the vigorous growth commences in early spring.
- » Plant passionfruit.
- » For seedlings raised indoors in August, harden off by slowly increasing sun and exposure to outside temperatures for 7 to 10 days before planting out.
- » In ponds, begin feeding fish small amounts of food often, so food is not left over to pollute the water.

To help improve these garden calendars, feedback and additional information from readers is greatly appreciated! Australia's climate varies considerably, and local knowledge of when particular things need to be done in the garden are most helpful to others living in that area, so please feel free to share.