

# Deep Green Permaculture

## Vegetable & Herb Gardening Calendar

September – Tropical Climate, Australia



It's September, the beginning of spring, the time of new life and renewal! The weather is starting to warm up this month.

In Darwin the weather is sunny, and it's still the dry season but the weather is becoming hotter and more humid.

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.

### 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.
- » 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.

### Method Key:

d	sow seeds directly into ground	t	transplant seedlings into larger pots or plant into ground
s	sow seeds into seed tray	*	frost tender
ds	sow seeds directly into ground or seed tray	**	sow after frost

What To Plant	Method	Harvest (weeks)
Basil	st	10-12
Collard Greens	t	8-11
Cowpeas (Black Eye Peas)	d	11-14
Cucumber	t	8-10
Ginger	plant root	25
Mustard Greens	dst	5-8
Okra	dt	11-14
Sunflower	t	10-11
Sweet Corn	dst	11-14
Sweet Potato (Kumara)	plant crowns	15-17
Taro (Cocoyam)	plant tubers	28
Zucchini (Courgette, Marrow)	t	6-9

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.