

Broccoli

Gypsy broccoli seeds were bred for heat resistance, so it holds better in summer heatwaves and is extremely slow bolting. The dome-shaped heads of this outstanding variety are uniform, deep green, and very tasty.

Matures in 62 days

Season: Cool season

Exposure: Full sun

Difficulty: Moderate



Growing

Sow indoors, 3 or 4 seeds per spot, 5mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ ") deep, under very bright light. Thin to the strongest plant. Space transplants 45-60cm (18-24") apart in rows 75-90cm (30-36") apart.

Mix $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of complete organic fertilizer into the soil under each transplant. Transplants should be set out by the time they have 6-8 true leaves.

When plants are 20-25cm (8-10") tall, push the soil around the stems up to the first big leaf to encourage side shoots.

Saving

Select a head of broccoli to save seeds from, not harvesting it. Once the pods are dry on the head of broccoli, remove the plant from the ground. Hang heads to dry for about two weeks. Remove dried pods from the plant and crush them with your hands or a rolling pin in order to free the seeds. Put the seeds into a dated and labeled envelope and return to Brock!