

# Job's Tears

Job's Tears are intriguing plants that are often classified somewhere between a grass and a grain. Edible seeds are eaten like millet, but can also be used for natural beads as they have a natural hole through them and striking patterns when dry. One plant will bear dozens of seeds in the early fall. Plants will grow in full sun and well-drained site.

**Type:** Biennial

**Height:** 60-90 cm (24-36")

**Exposure:** Full sun

**Difficulty:** Easy



## Growing

Start seeds outdoors, directly in the ground or container, after the threat of frost has passed. Sow seeds 1 cm (1/2") below soil. Space seeds 30cm (12") apart. Seeds should germinate within two weeks. Provide adequate water as seedlings grow into short, corn-like stems.

Plants are easy-going and adaptable.

## Saving

To save seeds for replanting or natural beads, pick seeds off of stems once they start to turn from green to brown. Seeds can be a solid colour or striped. If seeds are white and chalky, they have been left on the plant too long to germinate. Seeds should be left to dry in an open container or tray for about a week in a cool, dry place. Put the seeds into a dated and labelled envelope and return to Brock!