

SEEDS FAQs

1. *Where can I find xxx seeds?*

At the Shop we group all the seeds in their 'families'. I hope this also helps with planning Crop Rotation. Each stand is labelled on the top with the seed family filed in it. There is an A-Z guide hanging on a couple of stands to show which family your vegetable belongs to. Exceptions are the 'SALADS' and 'HERBS and COMPANIONS' which have their own stand, on the reverse of each other. Green manures get moved around where we can find a spot for them but tend to be with the Beans and Peas because the pockets are the right size.

2. *You've run out of / don't stock*

First check in the Kings Catalogue, one is hanging on each rack, to see if Kings sells this . If Kings does not stock the variety requested then we can't help.

3. *Why isn't there a picture on the packet?*

Kings don't always print a picture, it is all to do with cost. They tend not to put pictures on a new line until they know how well it sells. I'm trying to add this info to the pocket on the stand as we all like the packets with a picture.

4. *Why isn't there a price label on the packet?*

Probably because it fell off. Please look for one with a label. If all else fails ask the Volunteers on duty.

5. *Why are some packets of the same vegetable variety a different price?*

It all depends on when we purchased the packet. Last year's stock is often 5p cheaper than this years.

6. *How do I grow this?*

Take a look in the King's Seed catalogues hanging on the racks. They have good growing information for all their seeds. We also have a small reference library in the Shop behind the counter .

7. *Why aren't you selling a large range of flower seeds?*

We do not sell a large range of seeds **for the ornamental border** for reasons of space and the labour intensity of selection and ordering. However we DO sell some flower seed for Companion planting/ 'good' insect attraction e.g. Cosmos, Pot Marigold, Limnanthes and collections such as Wildflower seeds. You could use our Herb selection which are fantastic for attracting pollinators, as are the flowers of the Green Manure 'Phacelia' . We DO sell a very good range of Sweet Peas. And sunflowers because they are FUN .

8. *When is the best time to see a full range of seeds?*

Come to the Shop in mid November when the large order of seeds arrives. Tops ups are ordered until May.

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