Words: 1.868

Where to Buy Seeds Online: Herb, Vegetable, and Heirloom Seeds

As a gardener, where you get your seeds is important. You can buy them from big companies like the Home Depot or Burpee— and there's nothing wrong with that! I used to get a lot of my plants from Home Depot, and still get some there every year.

But there are dozens of other online vendors that might fit your needs better, and that could have a better selection. Plus, it can be nice to support smaller sellers instead of large companies.

So what are your options for buying seeds online? Let's take a look.

<h2>Annie's Annuals and Perennials</h2>

Selling: herbs, vegetables, succulents, shrubs, and flowers

<u>Annie's Annuals and Perennials</u> sells a wide range of seeds, from vegetables and herbs to all kinds of flowers. They like to grow all of their plants outside of greenhouses, so they're already hardened off if you choose to buy established plants instead of seeds.

They love perennials, especially the taller varieties, instead of more modern "shrubby" varieties. They also grow annuals. Their "totally useful plant lists" help you narrow down your search by what type of plants you need for your environment.

Their specialty, though, is growing local California wildflowers, which you can then buy anywhere in the US! And on top of plants, they also sell all sorts of gifts you can buy for fellow gardening enthusiasts (or yourself).

I'd Love to Grow: They have some delicious varieties of basil, like "African Blue" and "Wild Magic", which would be very fun to grow!

<h2>Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds</h2>

Selling: Herbs, vegetables, fruits, flowers, and bulbs

<u>Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds</u> is my personal favorite seed company, and where most of my seeds come from. They sell a big variety of seeds, and their focus is on rare seeds, which might be hard to find elsewhere.

At Baker Creek, you can find all types of herbs, vegetables, flowers, bulbs, and other live plants and seeds. I've gotten Dutch and French strawberries, Kohlrabi, and many more delicious plants for my garden.

They also offer a whole seed catalog each year, with an explanation of all of the seeds available. For free, you can get a smaller seed catalog with some of their favorites.

Plus, with every order you place, they'll send you a free surprise seed package!

I'd Love to Grow: Their "new items 2022" category contains many interesting and unique plants that would make a great garden addition.

<h2>Botanical Interests</h2>

Selling: Organic vegetables, herbs, and flowers

At <u>Botanical Interests</u>, they care a lot about organic gardening, and about helping others with organic gardening. They have dozens of options in every category, and an impressive collection of different lettuce types.

This company also provides a lot of guidance around what their different types of plants are, and how best to grow them.

On top of seeds and plants, they also sell various types of sustainably-sourced gardening materials, like pots and garden stakes.

I'd Love to Grow: The Chef's Herb Garden Collection contains 9 herbs that are a staple to any kitchen garden, including Oregano and Thyme. You could get a lot of delicious meals out of this collection.

<h2>Eden Brothers</h2>

Selling: Herbs, vegetables, flowers, wildflowers, and organic options

<u>Eden Brothers</u> sells multiple types of seeds, from heirloom to open pollination to hybrid. They have options for nearly any gardener out there.

Additionally, none of their seeds are GMO, and they have a safe seed guarantee. They have a lot of wildflower mixes for those who enjoy flowers.

They also have a large collection of heirloom seeds, with over 30 varieties of bean seeds and pepper seeds, and 55 varieties of tomato.

If you want to have a multi-use garden, or even just a large selection of vegetables, Eden Brothers is almost certainly going to have what you need.

I'd Love to Grow: The "small space garden" contains many plants that would be good for growing in small spaces— great for someone who needs to conserve space in their garden.

<h2>Johnny's Selected Seeds</h2>

Selling: Vegetables, fruits, herbs, and flowers

<u>Johnny's Selected Seeds</u> sells organic, open-pollinated, heirloom, and hybrid seeds. They have a big variety of edible plants, including 9 types of raspberries (one of my favorites!).

Johnny's also has a wonderful collection of online resources to help educate any gardener. And they sell farming and gardening tools, so you can get everything you need in one place.

For a large variety, and lots of edible plants, Johnny's is going to be a good option.

I'd Love to Grow: Their "grows well in containers" collection contains a variety of vegetables, herbs, fruits, and flowers that grow great in containers. Perfect for an indoor garden!

<h2>Kitazawa Seed Company</h2>

Selling: Vegetables, herbs, flowers, microgreens, and specialty seeds

<u>Kitazawa Seed Co.</u> specializes in selling a variety of Asian seeds to US customers. The company was started by a Japanese-American farmer who wanted to sell the seeds he loved to others who would enjoy them, and has been in business for over 100 years.

So on top of some of the standard crops, Kitazawa boasts an incredible collection of Asian microgreens, vegetables, and other specialty plants.

They also sell herbs and flowers from both the US and Asia, with a lot of Japanese plants involved. If you want to expand your garden beyond the standard US plants, this company is a great start.

I'd Love to Grow: The Chef's Specialty Thai Garden contains seven seed packets from Thailand, which combine to grow delicious vegetables and herbs. They would be great to have on hand for a Thai dinner night.

<h2>Pinetree Garden Seeds</h2>

Selling: Herbs, vegetables, flowers, bulbs

<u>Pinetree Garden Seeds</u> is a family-owned and operated business that's been around for decades. They sell a very large variety of seeds, to fit any gardener's needs.

They also sell many other things that gardeners might like, including books, gifts, garden supplies, spices, and teas.

If you're a gardener who likes herbs, Pinetree has a lot of them. From common plants like basil and thyme to less common ones like Anise and Zataar, they have a lot of options. And they sell vegetables, flowers, and other types of plants.

I'd Love to Grow: Pinetree has a healing herbs garden kit that is fantastic. It contains 10 seeds for various herbs that are good for your health, as well as plant markers and a medicinal herbs beginner's guide.

<h2>Prairie Moon Nursery</h2>

Selling: Wildflowers, grasses, native plants

While <u>Prairie Moon Nursery</u> doesn't sell a lot of herbs and vegetables, they're worth mentioning for the number of flowers they offer. Prairie Moon is located in Minnesota, and has the largest collection of native plants from the American Midwest.

They understand the importance of encouraging native plant growth, and want to share that with others. Their website's filters make it easy to sort by what type of plant you want, with many different categories.

So if you want to attract pollinators, or look for some edible flowers, Prairie Moon Nursery is a good option.

I'd Love to Grow: The pollinator introduction kit is great for attracting pollinators— which will help your other plants. It comes with an educational garden sign, a seed mix for good flowers, an insect interaction guide, and tubes to provide homes for native bees.

<h2>San Diego Seed Company</h2>

Selling: Vegetables, herbs, fruits, flowers, heirloom, and organic

<u>San Diego Seed Company</u> is another seller that cares about local plants. They sell a variety of plants that are found in Southern California and the Southwest; and also plants that are suited to all of the microclimates there.

They also sell a lot of rare and heirloom seeds, and many organic seeds. They have a lot of options when it comes to melons, with many different types and varieties for your garden.

On top of this, they sell gardening tools, planners, calendars, and other merchandise to help you display your love of plants.

I'd Love to Grow: Their winter gardening category has a lot of plants that are good to grow in the colder months— perfect if you're looking for something to do until springtime!

<h2>Seeds of Change</h2>

Selling: Organic vegetables, herbs, and flowers

<u>Seeds of Change</u>, as their name would suggest, is pushing for change in the way we approach food. With every purchase, they plant more seeds in school programs around the country.

They sell a selection of organic herbs and vegetables, as well as flowers. They have over 100 vegetable varieties to get you started on delicious food.

On top of selling seeds, they also sell organic food, and have recipes available on their website. They want more people to be eating from delicious gardens.

I'd Love to Grow: Seeds of Change has a Mediterranean Garden Collection that comes with four delectable vegetables, perfect for cooking healthy and yummy meals.

<h2>Seed Savers Exchange</h2>

Selling: Vegetables, herbs, flowers, and trees; heirloom and open-pollinated

<u>Seed Savers Exchange</u> is the biggest seed exchange program in the country. They connect thousands of gardeners, farmers, and others to help keep heirloom species thriving.

Most of what they provide are heirloom or open-pollinated varieties. They have a lot of vegetables and herbs, and over two dozen varieties of beans for your garden.

They also sell some merch, guides, and gardening tools. Seed Savers Exchange has approximately 20,000 varieties in their seed bank, and rotates some of them in and out.

I'd Love to Grow: Their "From Our Collection" category contains a selection of rare heirloom seeds, which have been specially picked by the staff. They would make a delicious addition to any garden.

<h2>Small Island Seed Company</h2>

Selling: Herbs, vegetables, and flowers

<u>Small Island Seed Company</u> specializes in rare, cold-hardy, and perennial edible plants. They're a good choice for gardeners who live in cold areas, or want to try out more rare varieties.

They have a large collection of delicious greens, as well as six types of root vegetables. Many of their seeds and plants are ones you wouldn't find at a standard garden store, which is what makes them unique.

This company also has a collection of medicinal plants, and many types of flowers.

I'd Love to Buy: Their "spice" category has six rare varieties that would be fun to grow, and add a wonderful dash of spice to any dish.

<h2>Territorial Seed Company</h2>

Selling: Vegetables, herbs, fruits, garlic, flowers

<u>Territorial Seed Company</u> has a very large selection of plants, with many different types. They also have heirloom and organic varieties, and sell catalogs and garden supplies, as well as having grow guides.

You'll love their selection of over a dozen varieties of tomatoes, or perhaps you want to select from their three types of sage, or hundreds of other vegetables, fruits, and herbs.

Territorial Seed Company also offers a garden planner, a tool which will help you plan, keep track of, and care for your garden.

I'd Love to Grow: Their selection of "unique plants" contains seven varieties that all look delicious, and would certainly be a blast to grow.