



Cultivation

Dates and places are not exact



WILD CARROT



"Almost five thousand years ago,
carrots were first cultivated
in the Iranian Plateau
(Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iran)
and then in the Persian Empire

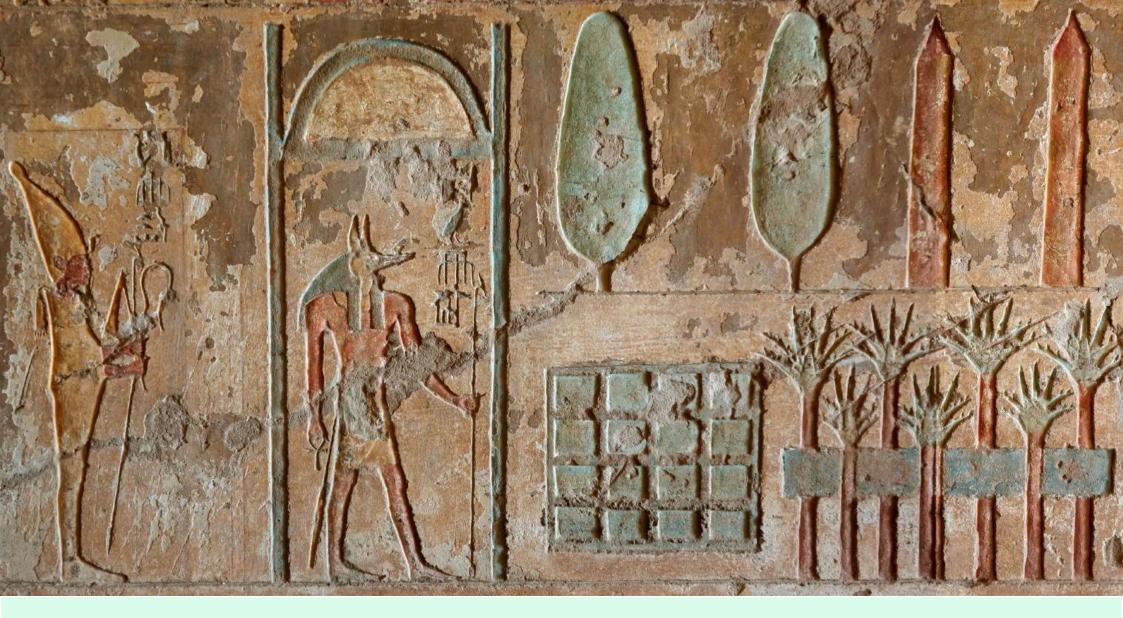
(Brothwell and Brothwell, 1969).

Color and flavor were the primary selection criteria for domestication.

Root color changed significantly over the domestication period.

Wild carrots are white or pale yellow,

while purple or yellow were the first colors of domesticates."



Leeh

Dried specimens from archaeological sites in ancient Egypt, as well as wall carvings and drawings, indicate that the leek was a part of the Egyptian diet from at least the second millennium BCE.





Mussel



Bred by James Hardcastle in Musselburgh in 1840s when "French Leeks" were first imported to Scotland.

He noticed they weren't hardy enough for Scottish Climate. He wanted to develop seed to stop importing.

Market gardens were an important trade in Musselburgh, supplying vegetables to major towns and cities in Scotland



Brassica oleracea

Brussels sprouts 13th-16th century, Belgium

Cabbage 3000 years ago, Mediterranean (Greeks & Romans)

Broccoli 6th century BCE, Italy

Cauliflower 1st century BCE, Turkey, Syria, Cyprus

Kohlrabi 16th century, Mediterranean/ Central Asia

(Modern-day) **Kale** 2000 years ago, Turkey

Shetland Kail: Oldest Scottish Variety

"Auld Maunsie's Cro"

by

Basil R. Anderson:

'Auld Maunsie biggit him a Cro
Ta grow him kale fir mutton bro
Fir Maunsie never tocht him hale,
Withoot sheeps shanks an kogs o'kale'



possibly dates back to Viking times or earlier.

mage from Seeds of Scotland

Gotahork cabbage



Seed orginated from Scotland
Around 1910 in 1910
In Duns in The Scottish Borders
Grown by the Sweeney family
In Donegal, Ireland,
for 4 generations







Archaeological evidence suggests that peas were domesticated as early as 7,000 to 10,000 years ago, in what is now modern day Turkey and Jordan.

Robinson Pea







it was originally bred in Scotland but grown in Leicestershire since the 1950's by someone who was given them by a Mr Robinson.

Tall, prolific and unimpeachably delicious.

Just one of the great peas; long pods with 10 sweet peas within.



Beetroot





Two images of table beet with spherical roots from the festoons painted by Giovanni Martini da Udine incorporated in the Cupid and Psyche frescos of Raphael Sanzio, 1517, in the Villa Farnesina, Rome. Source: Caneva (1992), https://hort.purdue.edu/newcrop/udine/default.html.



An Assyrian text of around 800BC describes beetroot growing in the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

Dobbie's Purple



Carrot shaped beets!

Bred by 19th centuary

Dobbie's & Co Seed House

in Edinburgh.

Doesn't bleed when

you cut it!



The Columbian Exchange



These crops were domesticated and developed over thousands of years by indigenous civilizations such as the Inca, Moche, and Nazca in the Andes mountains.

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Okra landrace

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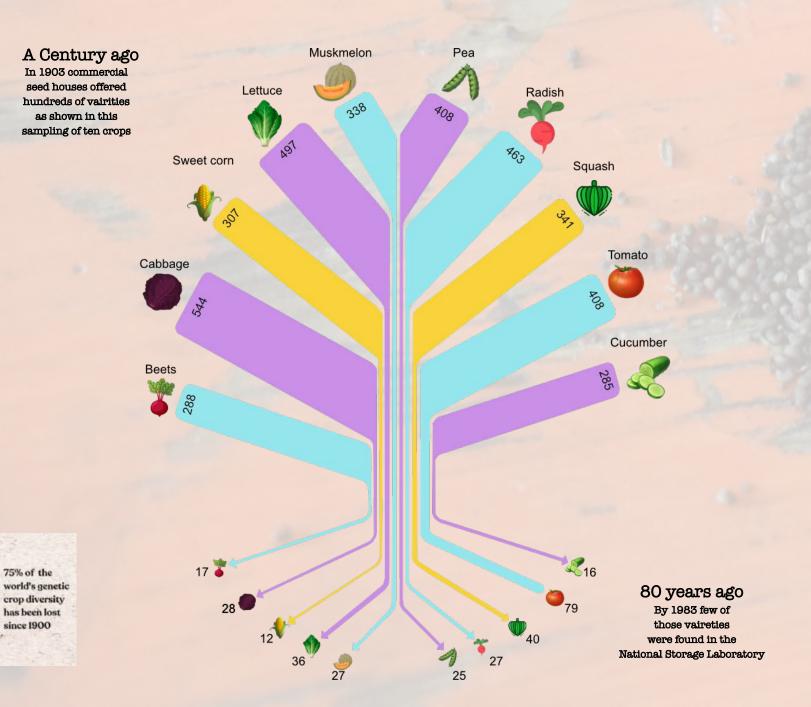






Okra enterred the USA, through the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Captured slaves put rice and okra seeds in their hair.





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75% of the

since 1900

Calalloo



Mooli /Daikon Radish





Rainbow Quinoa



Shark fin Melon

Join the Whatsapp

Seed-Lings group

For beginner growing & seed saving!

It is a place to ask silly questions!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

waiting to open I am still / a bud waiting to open Online, Zoom

Wed 26 March 2025, 5pm - 7pm

BPOC Seed-Keepers

Woodlands Community Meeting Room,

66 Ashley Street, G3 6HW

Sun 23 March 2025, 2:00pm — 5:00pm (monthly)

Under the New Moon:

Astrology, Seeds, and Divination

Gathering Ground, Old Basin House, 5-7

Applecross St, Glasgow G4 9SP

Sat 29 March 2025, 2:00pm - 3:30pm

https://www.cca-glasgow.com/whats-on/collection/glasgow-seed-library