

GROW OUT - RUNNER BEANS

Common name: Runner bean

Scientific name: *Phaseolus coccineus*

Variety: Scarlet

Seed source: Rosa Parks Graden

Planting information: 75 days. Scarlet runner beans sets fat, slightly fuzzy pods filled with a richer, more savory flavor than snap beans. Though the 6-8 inch, plump, juicy pods are less uniform than some varieties, the taste of Scarlet runner is as sweet as a bean gets. Borne on impressive 8-10 foot tall plants, sprays of beautiful scarlet-orange flowers are the showiest of all the varieties we've trialed. Mottled black/purple seeds. **Perennial in our area.** Let it die back, but don't pull out roots.

Planting instructions to minimize hybridization:

Plant only one variety of bean from a particular species or have at least 100 ft distance between different varieties of the same species.

Harvesting:

1. Let seeds dry on the plant.
2. Collect.

Returning:

1. Remove pods.
2. Get labels and envelopes. You can go to RichmondGrowsSeeds.org and the "How to Use the Library" to the "Returning/Donating" and click on the returning seeds sheet or come to Richmond Grows and get envelopes. If you download the form, you can type onto it.
3. Fill in the label using the information above, except the "seed source" will be your name (optional). Include notes about the plant using the description information above. Remember that the people borrowing these seeds only have what is written on the envelope so the more information you can provide the better.
4. Since we are sharing the seeds with other envelopes it would be helpful to put the seeds into multiple envelopes.
5. Return the seed to the Community Seed Connection @ Chester Springs Library.