UK Sowing Calendar
2027

Twelve months for a home garden, with the south and north ranges from this site. The plates are drawings made for the calendar. They are not photographs, and they are not a picture of one garden.



Frontispiece · Radish and robin · *Raphanus sativus, Erithacus rubecula*

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Plate I · Leek and robin · *Allium porrum, Erithacus rubecula*

January 2027

This month

The soil is cold, and often wet. In the south, garlic can still go in where the ground is workable. January is not on the north list for garlic. Leeks and onions from seed can start on a bright windowsill in the south. Leave leeks and parsnips in the bed and lift them as you cook. Break the ice on a shallow dish for the birds.

Mon	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*	*Sun*
				1 *New Year's Day*	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Through the month

Sow under cover: leeks, onions from seed. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Plant out: garlic. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Harvest: parsnips, kale, brussels sprouts, and others.

Birds: break ice on a shallow dish in the morning. Mealworms on a tray suit robins.

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Plate II · Broad bean and blue tit · *Vicia faba, Cyanistes caeruleus*

February 2027

This month

The days are getting longer. Broad beans and peas can start in pots under cover on both lists. Outdoor sowing of those beans is later in the north. Stand early potatoes in a light, frost-free place to chit. A nest box put up now is there before birds are choosing.

Mon	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*	*Sun*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Through the month

Sow under cover: summer cabbage, broad beans, peas, and others. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Sow outside: broad beans. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Plant out: garlic.

Harvest: parsnips, kale, brussels sprouts, and others.

Birds: sunflower hearts and suet. Put nest boxes up before breeding starts.

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Plate III · Carrot and robin · *Daucus carota, Erithacus rubecula*

March 2027

This month

A lot of outdoor sowing begins in the south this month: carrots, beetroot, parsnips, lettuce, peas. Early potatoes can be planted down south. The north list says April for those potatoes. Tomatoes can be sown under cover in the south. If the soil sticks to your boots, wait a few days.

Mon	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*	*Sun*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 *Good Friday*	27	28
29 *Easter Monday*	30	31				

Through the month

Sow under cover: summer cabbage, brussels sprouts, broad beans, and others. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Sow outside: carrots, beetroot, parsnips, and others. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Plant out: early potatoes, onion sets, mint. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Harvest: kale, leeks.

Birds: boxes are better up now. Keep whole peanuts in a mesh feeder.

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Plate IV · Pea and blackbird · *Pisum sativum, Turdus merula*

April 2027

This month

Keep sowing, and start French beans and courgettes in pots. Do not rush tender plants outside. A late frost still happens in April. If a cold night is forecast, a sheet or a cloche over a row is enough. Take it off in the morning.

Mon	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*	*Sun*
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Through the month

Sow under cover: summer cabbage, french beans, runner beans, and others.

Sow outside: carrots, beetroot, parsnips, and others. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Plant out: early potatoes, maincrop potatoes, summer cabbage, and others. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Harvest: radishes. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Birds: take suet down if a mild spell makes it smear. Parents also need insects.

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Plate V · Lettuce and goldfinch · *Lactuca sativa, Carduelis carduelis*

May 2027

This month

Frost, not the packet, decides when beans and courgettes go out. The south list starts planting them in May. The north list waits until June. Harden plants off before they go outside. There are two bank holiday Mondays. One of them is a good day to water, not to gamble.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2
3 *Early May*	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 *Spring bank*						

Through the month

Sow under cover: french beans, runner beans, courgettes, and others.

Sow outside: carrots, beetroot, parsnips, and others. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Plant out: summer cabbage, brussels sprouts, french beans, and others. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Harvest: radishes, peas, lettuce, and others. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Birds: peanuts only in a mesh feeder while nests are in use.

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Plate VI · Courgette and song thrush · *Cucurbita pepo, Turdus philomelos*

June 2027

This month

This is planting-out time for a lot of tender crops, including further north. Water runner beans at the root in a dry spell, or the flowers drop without setting. Pick peas while they are still sweet. A shallow dish of water matters as much as seed.

Mon	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*	*Sun*
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Through the month

Sow under cover: basil.

Sow outside: carrots, beetroot, radishes, and others. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Plant out: kale, summer cabbage, brussels sprouts, and others.

Harvest: carrots, beetroot, radishes, and others. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Birds: a shallow dish of water, changed when it is dirty.

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Plate VII · Tomato and house sparrow · *Solanum lycopersicum, Passer domesticus*

July 2027

This month

Pick little and often. A courgette left to become a marrow slows the plant. Sow a short row of lettuce or radish if you want more leaves later. Fat balls go soft in warm weather. If they smear, take them down.

Mon	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*	*Sun*
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Through the month

Sow outside: carrots, beetroot, radishes, and others. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Plant out: kale, leeks.

Harvest: carrots, beetroot, radishes, and others. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Birds: soft suet comes down. A small amount of fresh seed is enough.

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Plate VIII · Runner bean and greenfinch · *Phaseolus coccineus, Chloris chloris*

August 2027

This month
Keep picking, and water pots whenever the compost is dry. A windy week dries a pot even when the lawn looks fine. Spinach and coriander can be sown again for autumn. One dry week is enough to stall a courgette.

Mon	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*	*Sun*
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 *Summer bank*	31					

Through the month

Sow outside: radishes, lettuce, spinach, and others. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Harvest: carrots, beetroot, radishes, and others.

Birds: empty a green bird bath rather than topping it up.

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Plate IX · Beetroot and starling · *Beta vulgaris, Sturnus vulgaris*

September 2027

This month
Sow lettuce under cover if you want a late picking. Onion sets can go in this month in the south. They are not on the northern list for autumn. Clear healthy bean stems onto the compost heap. Leave the kale standing.

Mon	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*	*Sun*
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Through the month

Sow under cover: lettuce.

Sow outside: radishes, spinach, coriander. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Plant out: onion sets, mint. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Harvest: carrots, beetroot, radishes, and others. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Birds: leave a few seed heads standing. Goldfinches use them.

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Plate X · Pumpkin and wren · *Cucurbita maxima, Troglodytes troglodytes*

October 2027

This month

Garlic is the main planting on both lists, and broad beans can be sown outdoors too. Onion sets go in this month in the south, not on the northern list. Do not work soil that is sodden. Robins take mealworms from a ground tray. A hanging tube is a poor first offer for them.

Mon	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*	*Sun*
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Through the month

Sow outside: broad beans, peas. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Plant out: onion sets, garlic, mint. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Harvest: carrots, beetroot, parsnips, and others. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Birds: mealworms on a tray for robins. Soak dried ones first.

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Plate XI · Parsnip and long-tailed tit · *Pastinaca sativa, Aegithalos caudatus*

November 2027

This month

The sowing list is short. Broad beans outdoors in the south, if the soil is still open. Garlic can be planted on both lists. Pick kale, leeks and parsnips as you need them. Clean the feeders before the busy months. Put out what the birds will finish while it is fresh.

Mon	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*	*Sun*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Through the month

Sow outside: broad beans, peas. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Plant out: garlic.

Harvest: parsnips, kale, brussels sprouts, and others. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Birds: suet and sunflower hearts. Rake up seed that has gone damp.

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Plate XII · Brussels sprouts, kale and robin · *Brassica oleracea, Erithacus rubecula*

December 2027

This month

Very little wants sowing. Garlic can still be planted in the south if the ground is not frozen. Pick winter leaves and leeks. Top the feeders up in the morning, and keep a dish of water. Do not add anything to the water to stop it freezing.

Mon	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*	*Sun*
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 *Christmas*	28 *Boxing Day*	29	30	31		

Through the month

Plant out: garlic. Some are later, or absent, on the north list.

Harvest: parsnips, kale, brussels sprouts, and others.

Birds: fresh food in the morning, and water. No salt in the dish.

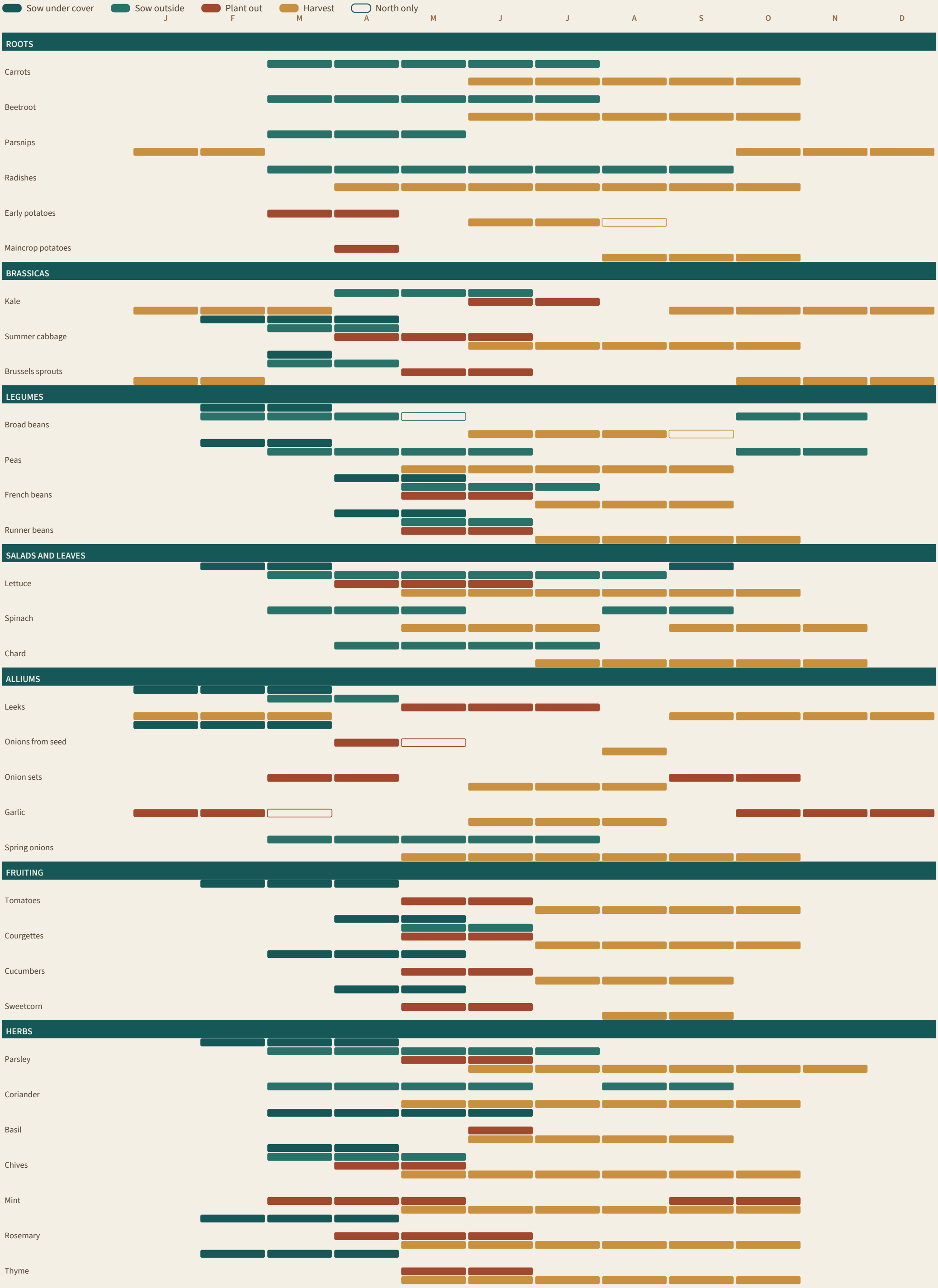
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Year at a glance

Whole months only. A bar fills every third of a month because this list does not say early, mid or late. Filled bars are the south list. A hollow bar is a month on the north list when the south list does not include it.



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