

# Swiss Chard

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## General Information

- Swiss Chard: *Beta vulgaris* var. *cicla*
- (Chenopodiaceae)
- Sunlight: full Sun to part shade.
- Soil conditions: requires well-drained soil.  
Prefers deep, loose, fertile soil, high in organic matter. Harvest outer leaves, avoiding center crown, for continued production.

*Swiss chard photos courtesy of Gail Hermenaus*



## Successful Cultivators

- Bright Lights Baby (28 days) Bunching (60 days)
- Peppermint Baby (33 days) Bunching (63 days)
- Ruby Red Baby (32 days) Bunching (59 days)
- Oriole Orange Baby (30 days) Bunching (60 days)



## Common Pests and Diseases

- Aphids
- Leaf miners
- Leaf spot
- Downy mildew



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