



Turnips

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General Information

- Brassica rapa, Turnip
- Brasssicaceae family (Mustards)
- Sunlight: full sun. Can tolerate some shade.
- Soil Conditions: loose, fertile soil with good drainage.
- Roots and leaves can be eaten.

Successful Cultivators

- Powdery Mildew
- Downy Mildew
- **Aphids**
- White Spot
- Cabbage root maggots

Common Pests and **Diseases**

- Purple Top White Globe (50 days) Smooth round roots, white flesh below ground, purple above. (pictured here)
- Hakurei (38 days) Smooth flat-round, white roots, matures early.
- Scarlet Queen (43 days) Sweet, crisp, white flesh, red skin.

Tomato photos courtesy of Gail Hermenaus







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