

Barthol Chapel Hub Gardening Group

Sources of Heritage Seeds

Please note you need to be careful as many of the seed merchants in this list are based in England, particularly the south, so not all the varieties on offer are likely to be successful in Aberdeenshire.

- Seeds of Scotland - A new venture based on the Black Isle, launched in 2024. They have a good variety of hardy heritage seeds and a guide to saving tomato seeds
<https://www.seedsofscotland.com/?srsltid=AfmBOoru1qMfh9ARCNkcYLnrtn6lewTzvJAent80mDIrNCJcAV33QZSJ>
- Garden Organic - Run the Heritage Seed Library, which is based at Ryton in Leicestershire. The seed library was first set up in 1975 by Lawrence Hills, founder of HDRA the forerunner of Garden Organic. They have a good variety of seeds, but you need to be a member of Garden Organic to be able to get access to seeds from the library. <https://www.gardenorganic.org.uk/shop/seeds>
- Robinsons Seeds and plants - Based to the north of Preston, Lancashire. A commercial seed seller and grower, with a heritage seed collection.
<https://www.mammothonion.co.uk/products/heritage-vegetables/>
- Thomas ETTY Esq - Based in East Malling in Kent. A commercial heritage seed and bulb merchant with an interesting flower and vegetable seed collection.
<http://www.thomasetty.co.uk/seeds/vegetables-flowers-2026.pdf>
- Chiltern Seeds - A commercial grower, which as the name suggests is based in the Chiltern area of Somerset. Have a comprehensive heritage herb and vegetable list.
<https://www.chilternseeds.co.uk/vegetables-and-herbs/Heirloom-and-Heritage-varieties>
- E W King & Co Ltd (King Seeds) - Based in Kolverdon Essex. A commercial seed merchant with a heritage vegetable list.
<https://www.kingsseeds.com/Vegetable-Seeds-Shop-By-Heritage-Varieties>