



Flower Seed Sowing Guide

	Best Time to Sow			<i>Frost Tender</i> or <i>Hardy</i>	Sow <i>Direct</i> or <i>Raise Seedlings</i>	Germination time (days)	Days to flowering
	Hunter Region (includes Newcastle & Lake Mac)	Sowing Depth (mm) ↓	Plant Spacing (cm) ↔				
Alyssum	Aug-May	↓3	↔ 8-15	H	R/D	5-21	55-65
Amaranth	Aug-Mar	↓5	↔ 30-40	Half Hardy	D	5-20	100
Aquilegia	Feb-May	↓3	↔ 30-40	Hardy	R	14-28	190-220
Aster	Aug-Dec	↓5	↔ 20-30	Half Hardy	R	14-28	100-110
Brachycome	Aug-Dec	↓3	↔ 15-20	Half Hardy	R/D	10-20	110-130
Calendula	Feb-May	↓10-15	↔ 30	Hardy	R/D	14-21	70-85
Californian Poppy	Aug-Dec	↓3	↔ 25-35	Hardy	R/D	14-21	50-70
Candytuft	Feb-Jun	↓5	↔ 25	Hardy	R/D	14-21	80-100
Canterbury Bells	Feb-Jun	↓3	↔ 30	Hardy	R	7-28	140-160
Carnation	Mar-May, Aug-Oct	↓6	↔ 30-40	Hardy	R	10-20	200
Cosmos	Aug-Dec	↓10-15	↔ 50	Half Hardy	R/D		80-100
Dahlia	Sep-Dec	↓10-15	↔ 50-100	FT	R	7-21	110-130
Dianthus	Feb-Nov	↓3	↔ 20	Hardy	D	10-20	140
Forget Me Not	Jan-May	↓3	↔ 30	Hardy	D	7-14	80-90
Four 'O' Clocks	Sep-Dec	↓10-15	↔ 50-70	FT	R/D	14-28	-
Foxglove	Feb-May	↓3	↔ 30-40	Hardy	D	14-35	120-130
Godetia	Feb-Jun	↓5	↔ 30	Hardy	R/D	14-28	80-100
Gypsophila	Feb-Nov	↓5	↔ 20-30	Hardy	D	10-20	70-80
Hollyhock	Feb-May	↓8	↔ 30-50	Hardy	R	6-20	200-220
Honesty	Feb-May, Aug-Oct	↓6	↔ 30-50	Hardy	R	21-35	80-100
Impatiens	Feb-May, Aug-Oct	↓5	↔ 30-40	FT	R	14-21	80-100
Larkspur	Feb-Jun	↓3	↔ 30-40	Hardy	D	10-21	140
Lavender	Sep-Nov	↓3	↔ 50-70	Hardy	R	18-28	365

Linaria	Jan-May	↓3	↔ 10-20	Hardy	D	14-28	70
Livingstone Daisy	Feb-May	↓3	↔ 15	Half Hardy	R/D	14-28	140

Lobelia	Feb-May	↓1	↔ 15	Half Hardy	R		100-120
Marigold - African	Jul-Dec	↓8-12	↔ 20-40	FT	R/D	14-28	80-90
Nasturtium	Aug-Feb	↓10-15	↔ 20-40	FT	D	14-21	70-80
Nigella	Feb-May	↓3	↔ 20-30	Hardy	R/D	7-20	100
Pansy	Jan-May	↓6	↔ 25	Hardy	R	10-20	110-120
Petunia	Aug-Dec	↓3	↔ 25-40	Half Hardy	R	7-14	80-90
Phlox	Aug-Dec	↓3	↔ 10-15	Hardy	R/D	10-20	70
Poppy	Feb-Mar	↓3	↔ 20-30	Hardy	D	14-28	140-150
Snapdragon	Feb-May, Aug-Oct	↓3	↔ 30-40	Hardy	R	14-28	110-120
Statice	Feb-Sep	↓3	↔ 40	Hardy	D	14-28	140
Stock	Jan-May	↓3	↔ 20-40	Hardy	R	10-20	140
Stock, Virginian	Feb-May, Sep-Oct	↓6	↔ 20	Hardy	R/D	10-20	100-120
Sunflower	Aug-Dec	↓8-12	↔ 20-60	Hardy	R/D	6-21	80-100
Sweetpea	Jan-May	↓10-20	↔ 5-10	Hardy	D	7-21	100
Verbena	Aug-Feb	↓6	↔ 25-30	Hardy	R/D	10-20	70
Viola	Jan-May	↓6	↔ 20	Hardy	R	10-20	110-130
Wallflower	Jan-May	↓6	↔ 20-30	Hardy	R	14-21	180
Zinnia	Aug-Dec	↓6	↔ 20-40	Half Hardy	R/D	6-21	100

Adapted from a seed sowing guide from (<https://www.theseedcollection.com.au>). For general/hobby use only. The Hunter region has diverse climates, with each property also having diverse micro-climates. For the best results seek advice from experienced local growers. To join a community of experienced local growers, go to <https://www.hunterorganicgrowerssociety.org.au/join-us>