



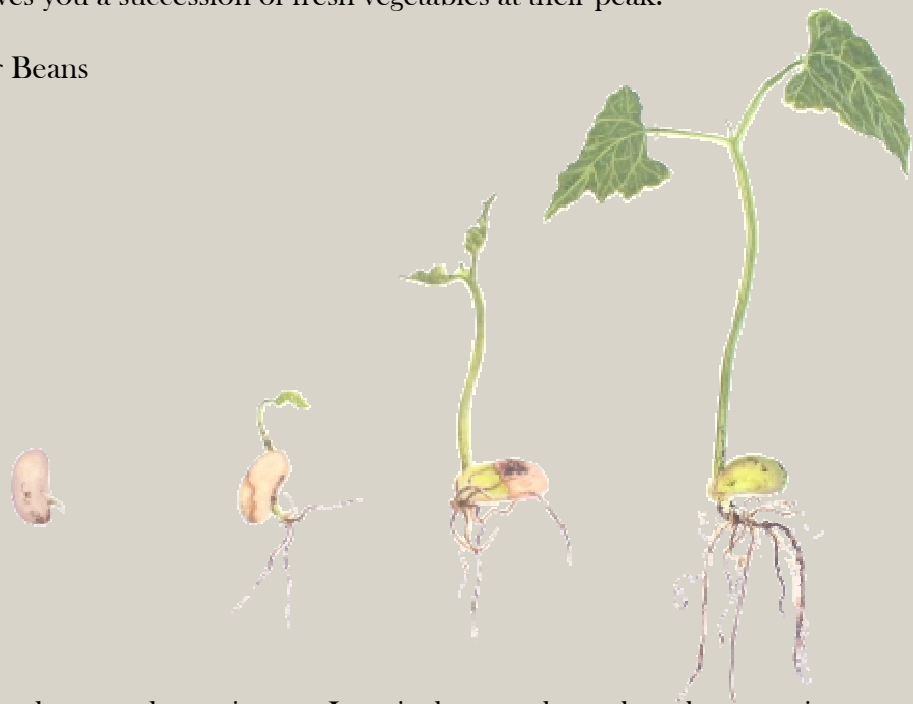
ALLOTMENT TIPS

JUNE

SOWING

A busy month for sowing. Try staggering your sowing of each crop, sowing a few of each type every couple of weeks to ensure your harvest gives you a succession of fresh vegetables at their peak.

- French and Runner Beans
- Peas
- Beetroot
- Carrots
- Turnips
- Swedes
- Cauliflowers
- Chicory
- Endive
- Kohlrabi
- Sweetcorn
- Squash
- Courgettes
- Marrows
- Cucumber



PLANTING

If you have started off French and runner beans in pots June is the month to plant these out in your garden. Broccoli, brussel sprouts, summer cabbage and leeks should also be ready to plant out.



Outdoor tomatoes should be introduced to the fresh air, to avoid shocking the plants with changes in temperature. For a minimum of four days bring your tomato seedlings outside during the day and take them back under cover every night. Remember to keep pinching off side shoots to keep your tomato seedlings strong and healthy.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Slugs and snails are out in force and will relish the tender shoots of your young plants, so take action! Slug pellets should be renewed after heavy rainfall, or if you want to use really environmentally friendly control, try sinking some cups of beer in the earth around your plants.



Butterflies will be laying eggs on the underside of your brassicas at this time of year. These can easily be washed off before the caterpillars hatch and start eating their way through your plants.

Finally - keep on top of the weeds. They are far easier to hoe off as small seedlings than waiting till they establish roots and need to be dug out.

Happy Gardening!