

Snow Peas

Pisum sativum var. *saccharatum* · Legume family

DIFFICULTY Easy
TYPE Annual, direct sown, cool season
MATURITY 60–70 days



SUN
Full-part sun



WATER
Regular



SOIL PH
6.0–7.5



SPACING
5–8cm × 45cm



DEPTH
2–3cm

01 Nitrogen fixers

Grown and cared for just like shelling peas, but picked earlier — while the pod is still flat, before the peas inside swell.



nitrogen-fixing nodules along the roots

may need a stake or trellis

02 Planting

METHOD	Direct sow along a trellis or netting.
SOIL	Well-drained, moderately fertile.
TIMING	Sow in the cooler months.

04 Problems

- **Powdery mildew** — humid weather; improve airflow.
- **Pea weevil** — mostly cosmetic leaf notching.
- **Poor pod set** — heat stress; grow in the cooler part of the year.
- **Birds** — net young seedlings.

06 Companions & rotation

PLANT NEARBY

Carrot

Cucumber

Corn

AVOID NEARBY

Onion

Garlic

ROTATION NOTE

Follow with heavy feeders to use the fixed nitrogen.

03 Growing care

- Provide support at planting.
- Water regularly, especially through flowering.
- Pick often and early — flat pods, before peas swell inside.
- Leave roots in place after harvest for the nitrogen benefit.

05 Harvest & storage

SIGNS	Pods are flat, before peas inside swell noticeably.
METHOD	Pick with two hands to avoid tearing the vine.
CURING	None needed.
STORAGE	Fridge a few days; best used promptly.