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Suggested varieties: *Ben Alder, Ben Nevis, Red Connan*

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PLANT



Plant certified disease free bushes 150cm apart. Position 5cm lower than original soil level; then cut all stems to 3cm. Choose fertile moist soil in sunny sheltered site

GROW



Water, mulch. Cut quarter of older stems to 3cm every year to stimulate new growth (fruiting is best on one and two year old wood). Remove weak and crowded stems

EAT



Pick when fully coloured and ripe, but still firm. Remove whole trusses ('strigs') rather than individual fruit. Cover plants with netting to protect from birds

Growing guide

Give it a go...

Average time to harvest

From 18 months

Equipment needed

Mulch (eg compost)

When to prune

Winter

Average plant size

Up to 150cm tall and wide

Family group to grow with

Grossulariaceae: whitecurrant

Seed saving group

5 - Specialist or not applicable

Key nutritional content

Vitamin C, fibre

Spring Term			Summer Term				Autumn/Winter Term				
J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D

■ Sow indoors

■ Sow outdoors

■ Plant out/transplant

■ Harvest



Use cloche

2.5cm = 1 inch 30 cm = 1 foot