

# Rhubarb

*Rheum rhabarbarum* Also known as: **Garden Rhubarb**

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This description is for *Rhubarb (Rheum rhabarbarum)*:

**We've all heard of the Bermuda Triangle but did you know in England there is a rhubarb triangle which refers to three northern towns that force grow rhubarb in sheds where it's harvested by candlelight!**

*Rheum rhabarbarum* you'll know as rhubarb. With large green leaves and thick fleshy edible red leaf stalks, it's an impressive plant. The leaf stalks are strong tasting and tart, they are usually eaten cooked with plenty of sugar as a dessert, perfect for a rhubarb crumble. Rhubarb has been used as a laxative medicine for thousands of years and is commonly used in Chinese medicine. The leaves are poisonous and should not be eaten.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> yes	<b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral Alkaline	<b>Standard category</b> Flowers & bulbs Perennials
<b>Dangers: comments</b> Avoid eating leaves of this plant, or you may have mild stomach upset.	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z5-9	<b>Grown for</b> Attractive flowers and foliage
<b>Height [m]</b> 1.2	<b>Heat zone</b> H9-1	<b>Creative category</b> Colours Pond plants
<b>Spread [m]</b> 1.2	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -29 - -1	<b>Garden type</b> Bog garden Woodland Cottage garden
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> White	<b>Heat days</b> 0 - 150	<b>Garden spaces</b> Flower beds Borders
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained but frequently watered	<b>Gardening expertise</b> intermediate
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Early summer Mid summer Late summer	<b>Soil type</b> sandy Clay chalky loams	<b>Time to reach full size</b> 2 to 5 years
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Green	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun	
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Green	<b>Exposure</b> Sheltered	
<b>Propagation methods</b> seed division		
<b>Growth habit</b> Clump-forming		