

**Collards, Old Timey Blue**

**Donated to Seed Savers Exchange in 1989 by Ralph Blackwell of Alabama. Ralph's family grew this variety for over a hundred years and his mother used it to make a dish similar to sauerkraut. Plants grow to 2' tall with blue-green leaves and purple stems/veins. Very good eating qualities.**

**Culture: Fertile soil is optimum.**

**Spacing: 24" apart, plants grow 2' tall (Collards are large, open plants. You can plant them more thickly and thin and eat young plants until you reach the desired spacing.)**

**Irrigation: 1.5 to 2 inches of water weekly**

**Fertilization: Work in compost 2 or 3 weeks before planting and side dress with compost or a slow-release fertilizer every four to six weeks to keep the plants growing, through repeated harvests.**

**Matures 60-80 days after transplant. Harvest leaves regularly to keep them sending out new leaves.**

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