**Your postcode:**

**Your name:**

**SEED GUARDIAN LETTUCE RETURN FORM 2024**

***This year we are collecting a range of information from Seed Guardians around the country to help us build up a picture of what grows well and where. (This will be a map of plants not people and so we will collate data anonymously). Thank you in advance!***

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| **Vegetable: Lettuce** | **Variety name:** |
| **Soil type**  Clay soils (heavy, high in nutrients, wet and cold in winter and baked dry in summer)  Sandy soils (light, dry, warm, low in nutrients and often acidic)  Silt soils (fertile, light but moisture-retentive, and easily compacted)  Loams (mixtures of clay, sand and silt that avoid the extremes of each type)  Peat soils (very high in organic matter and moisture)  Chalky soils (very alkaline and may be light or heavy) Don’t know | |
| **Where did you grow your plants?**  An outdoor plot in my garden/on my land  An outdoor plot in a shared space e.g. allotment  In a greenhouse  In a polytunnel  In a pot or container outside Somewhere else – please describe: | |
| **Aspect**  South  South West  South East  West  East  North  North West North East | |
| **Height above sea level (m)** | |
| **Any other information about your location that may be useful e.g. coastal, urban etc.** | |
| **Date sown** | |
| **What percentage of the seed you sowed germinated?** | |

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| **How many weeks from sowing were your plants ready to eat?** |

What are the dimensions (length and width at the widest point) in cm of five outer leaves, if possible from different plants. Record the results below:

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| **Length** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Width** |  |  |  |  |  |

Measure the depth and diameter of 5 heads (in cm) including any outer leaves, and record the results below:

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| **Depth** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Diameter** |  |  |  |  |  |

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| **What date did you start to harvest the seed?** |
| **How many plants did you save the seed from?** |
| Did you have any pest or disease problems? If so, how did you counter them and how successful were you? |
| Lettuce requires an isolation distance of at least 8m. What precautions did you take to isolate the variety from other varieties? For more information about what this means please refer to your Seed Saving Guidelines |

We would appreciate any comments you could make regarding this variety, eg hardiness, resistance, appearance, taste, recipe ideas etc. Photos are very welcome too. We rely on your input to learn more about the variety so please provide as much information as possible.

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| **We would like to understand and recognise how much of your precious time is spent helping us each year and would be grateful if you can provide an approximate number of hours. This figure is used anonymously to collate a total across all guardians around the UK.** |  |

**We like to include creative quotes from members in our published catalogue descriptions. If you’re happy for us to include your comments please confirm:**

**Yes, include my name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Or, anonymously please**

**We always welcome any photos you take and will be happy to credit you with any we use. You can email them to hsl@gardenorganic.org.uk and do let us know if you would like us to include your name or if no photo credit is needed.**

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS RETURN FORM. PLEASE SEND IT TO HSL ALONG WITH YOUR GUARDIAN SEED TO:**

**Seed Guardians, Heritage Seed Library, Ryton Organic Gardens, Coventry, CV8 3LG  
  
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