

Yates Seed of the Month

June 2010

Radish Red Rubin Seed Tape

Yates Seed of the Month for June 2010 is **Radish Red Rubin Seed Tape**.

Seed tapes are the simplest way to sow from seed. After preparing the bed and mixing in some Yates Blood & Bone or Nature's Way Sheep Pellets, all you need to do is create a groove about one centimetre deep in the moist soil. Then lay the seed tape along the base of the groove and break it off at the desired length. Cover, and water gently.

As the seedlings emerge, because the seeds are pre-spaced along the tape, they'll be much less crowded and will require very little thinning out. This allows plenty of room for the plump, cherry-red radish globes to develop beneath the ground. They grow a little slowly at this time of year, but will still be ready to harvest within about 6 - 8 weeks.

Even in very cold areas, it's possible to make a winter sowing of radishes into a trough-shaped container or a foam box. Start them under cover if necessary and keep in a warm spot while the radishes grow.

Feed the seedlings with Thrive All Purpose Soluble Plant Food every so often, but don't overdo it. Apply too much nitrogen and the radishes will be all green, leafy tops with no (radish) bottoms!

Yates Garden Fresh Cookbook (published by HarperCollins) features a delicious recipe for radish and fennel salad.

