

# GROWING FOOD IN TAHOE

It can be easy! You may already be doing many of the techniques!

Check out our website for tips on plant selection, seed starting, growing mediums, dealing with wildlife and how to participate in one of our varietal phenology projects.



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## SUPPORT OUR STUDY!

- Attend one of our seasonal *Growing Food in Tahoe* Workshops
- Read our *Garden Notes* Newsletters
- Participate in our *Grow out Trails* and send us feedback on which varieties thrive!
- Let us know which horticultural method works best in your area.

# VARIETAL PHENOLOGY PROJECT

## A HOME GARDENER 'SCIENCE STUDY'

As Master Gardeners we are interested in finding out which vegetable plants grow best in our unique Tahoe climate. We often get asked what edible plants can I grow?

The answer can be complicated. That is why in 2015 we started our *Growing Food in Tahoe* program to study which plant varieties grow best in our climate.

Varietal phenology is the study of periodic phenomena that occur in relation to weather and climate.

In horticultural terms, it's the timing of plant growth within a season. But, we aren't just looking at climate, we are also assessing soil type, exposure, and bed type. Our goal is to determine which plant variety fits into our short growing season.

We also want to get an idea of which horticultural method is most conducive to optimal plant growth such as: raised beds, hoop houses, hugel mounds and/or direct sowing.

