

Sorrel

Rumex acetosa · Buckwheat family

DIFFICULTY Easy

TYPE Perennial, direct sown or division

MATURITY Usable from 8 weeks



SUN
Full-part sun



WATER
Regular



SOIL PH
6.0–6.8



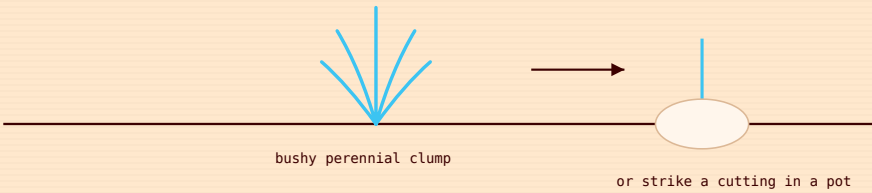
SPACING
20–30cm



DEPTH
0.5cm

01 A tangy, low-maintenance perennial

A lemony, sharp-tasting perennial green that comes back reliably each year with minimal input — a useful, unusual addition to salads once established.



02 Planting

METHOD	Direct sow or divide an established clump.
SOIL	Rich, moisture-retentive.
TIMING	Plant in spring or autumn.

Planting timing varies significantly by Australian climate zone. Set your zone above (or use the Find My Climate Zone tool) for guidance tailored to your own area.

04 Problems

- **Leaf miner** — pale tunnels; remove affected leaves.
- **Rust** — orange spotting; improve airflow.
- **Bolting** — remove flower stalks promptly.
- **Few other issues** — a generally trouble-free perennial.

03 Growing care

- Remove flower stalks promptly to keep leaf production going.
- Water regularly — leaves toughen and turn bitter under drought stress.
- Divide clumps every few years to renew vigour.
- Harvest outer leaves continuously.

05 Harvest & storage

SIGNS	Leaves reach usable size, harvested continuously through the growing season.
METHOD	Snip outer leaves, leaving the centre to keep producing.
CURING	None needed.
STORAGE	Fridge, a few days.
PRESERVING	See Freezing Produce (blanching and freezing a glut) for ways to keep a harvest surplus.

06 Companions & rotation

PLANT NEARBY	AVOID NEARBY	ROTATION NOTE
Strawberry	None major	Not applicable — long-lived perennial.