



# Florence fennel.

**Sow:** May onwards, 30cm apart.

**Soil:** Work in plenty of well-rotted manure the previous autumn. Prefers light soils.

**Sun:** Full sun.

**Grow:** Protect from slugs using cloches in early stages. Water well and earth up the bulb as it begins to appear. Protect from frosts later in the year.

**Harvest:** After 10-14 weeks, the bulb should be a reasonable size. Cut half an inch above ground level.

**Problems:** Slugs enjoy the foliage in the early stages, and can flower prematurely (bolt) in hot weather without forming a bulb. Water well to combat this.

For more advice on growing and eating Florence fennel, visit the Stylish Gardening Blog: [fennelandfern.co.uk](http://fennelandfern.co.uk)