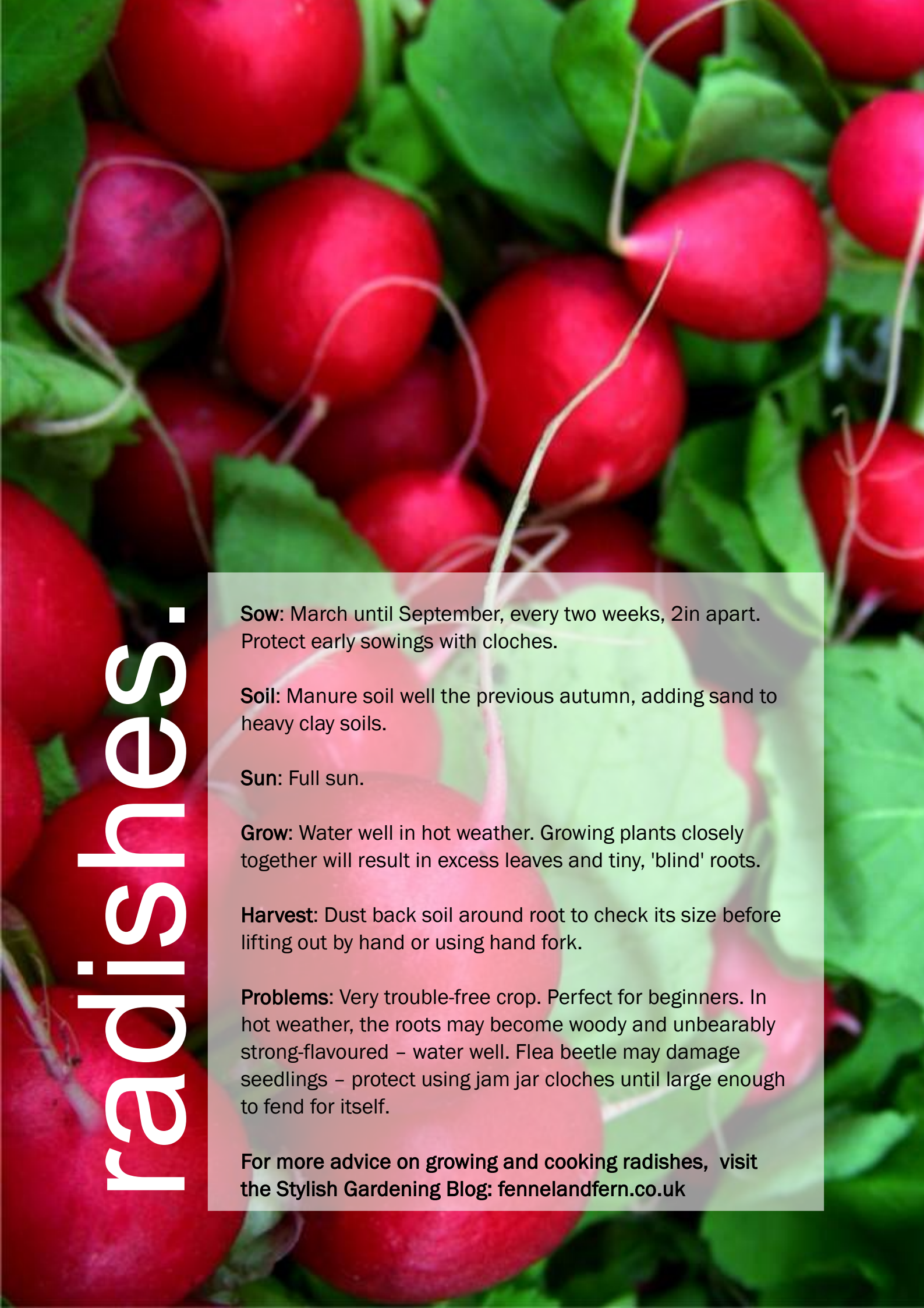




radishes.

Sow: March until September, every two weeks, 2in apart. Protect early sowings with cloches.

Soil: Manure soil well the previous autumn, adding sand to heavy clay soils.

Sun: Full sun.

Grow: Water well in hot weather. Growing plants closely together will result in excess leaves and tiny, 'blind' roots.

Harvest: Dust back soil around root to check its size before lifting out by hand or using hand fork.

Problems: Very trouble-free crop. Perfect for beginners. In hot weather, the roots may become woody and unbearably strong-flavoured – water well. Flea beetle may damage seedlings – protect using jam jar cloches until large enough to fend for itself.

For more advice on growing and cooking radishes, visit the Stylish Gardening Blog: fennelandfern.co.uk