

AgBud



A series of horticulture insights

Did you know?

They attract ants because of their fragrance and the sugary sap that the buds produce, but they are deer resistant.

Overview

- A peony root is herbaceous and has a thick main root with pinkish-white color shoot buds on the top.
- They are perennials that grow best in full sun and well-drained soils.
- A fragrant flower that is great for cut flower use.
- Typically, flower colors include shades of white, purple, pink and red.

Peony

Kingdom: *Plantae*

Family: *Paeoniaceae*

Genus: *Paeonia*

Species: *Approx. 48 recognized species*

History

- Native to Asia, Europe and North America
- They are named after Paeon, who was a student of the Greek god of medicine and healing.
- They are considered the traditional flower for 12th wedding anniversaries.
- The common garden peony was introduced in North America in the 1800's.

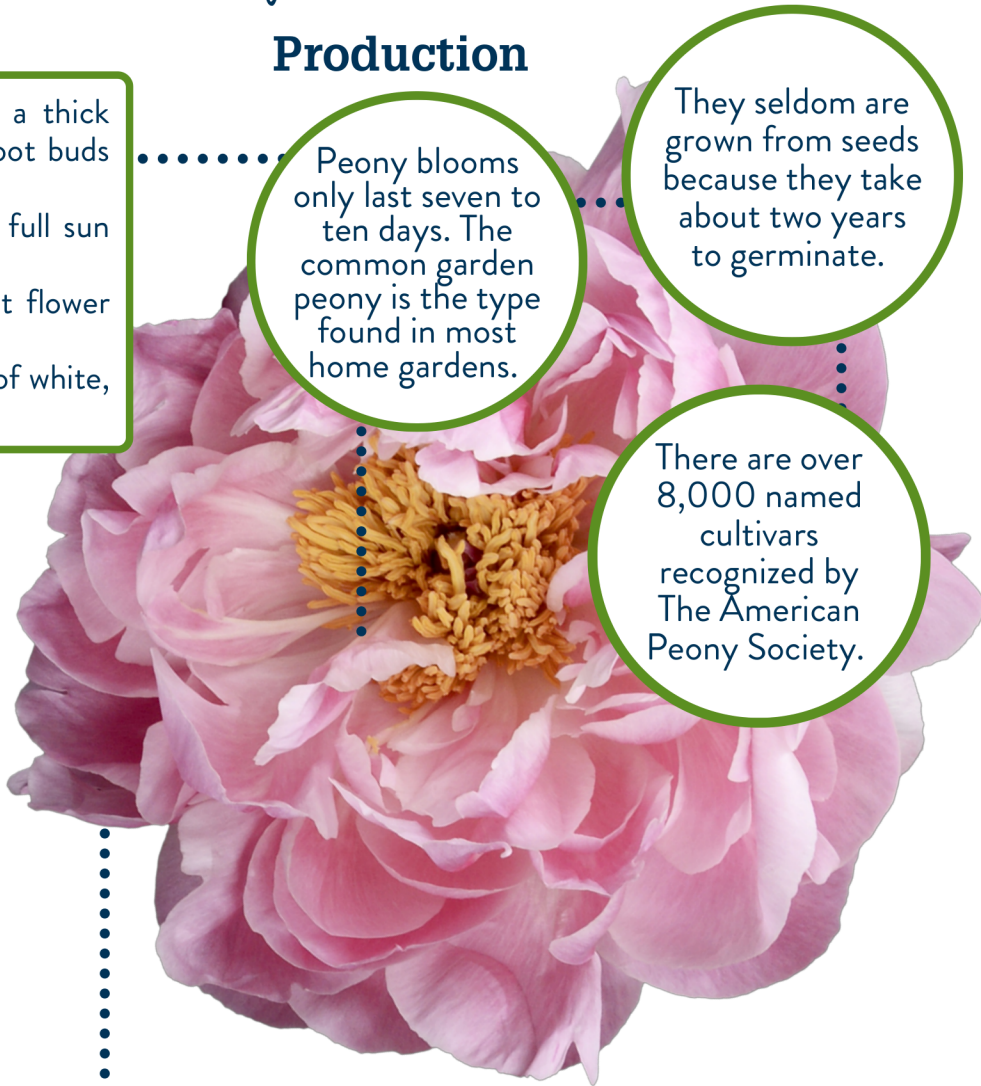
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Production

Peony blooms only last seven to ten days. The common garden peony is the type found in most home gardens.

They seldom are grown from seeds because they take about two years to germinate.

There are over 8,000 named cultivars recognized by The American Peony Society.



Peony Anatomy

