

# Garden Notes

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## Tractor Seat

A plant with a couple of common names, *Farfugium japonicum*, is gaining popularity for shady gardens. This perennial showcases attractive, large green leaves and flowers in the cooler months. Stalks extend well above foliage with vivid yellow flowers.

You often see this sold as Leopard plant because some selections have spotted leaves. Plants grow best when supplied with moisture throughout the growing season. Use in mass for a contrast with with finer textured plants.

## Citrus Fruit Issues

This has not been the best year for citrus plants. If your citrus made it through last season's hard freeze, you were lucky. Now when you think fruit is ready to enjoy, you discover it may not be as tasty. Our dry weather may have impacted fruit quality. Hopefully our next few seasons will be better for growing citrus.



## Try Horseradish

You may want to grow a few horseradish plants even though they have a few issues in our climate. Plant a set (side root cutting about 6 inches long) in the ground or in a container. Sets are placed horizontal in the soil with just a little soil covering them. Plants take about 140 days to mature.