



High Lights



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It has been an unusually cold winter in the Trial Gardens. Thus far, we have seen 28 nights with temperatures below freezing, the lowest being 9°F. Snow in both December and January, along with periods of rain, snow, and wind, provided challenging conditions for cool season annuals.

Varieties of ornamental cabbage and kale (including kale also grown as edibles) made up the majority of this year's cool season annuals in the Trial Gardens. Although many of these contenders met with defeat under these weather conditions, several kale varieties performed admirably and came through as winners, especially the medal-worthy varieties shown in the photos.



Siber-Frill kale



Olympic Red kale



Red Russian kale



Coral Queen kale