

## Express News Gardening Tasks

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- It is time to plant the fall tomatoes if you want to beat the cold weather and harvest a crop. The fastest producers are Surefire, Lavaca, Roma Surprise, BHN 968, and Ruby Crush. HM1824, Red Deuce, Tycoon, Valley Cat, 444, and ----- are also good fall producers.
- The Monarchs will be returning in September on their way to the Mexican wintering grounds. There is time to plant zinnias, duranta, milkweed, Mexican flame vine, and mistflower for nectar sources. Select plants with blooms or close to blooming.
- Lower and clean out your purple martin houses. Block the apartment holes and leave the houses down to discourage continued nesting by English sparrows and starlings.
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