

# Were carrots originally purple?

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Almost all cultivated carrots before the 16th century were [purple](#) in colour, with yellow and white carrots rarely appearing in mutant varieties. The Dutch farmers once found out that [crossbreeding](#) the yellow and white carrots produced orange carrots which were easier to grow. From then onwards, the crossbred orange carrot eventually became the common species across the globe.