GINSENG LIFE CYCLE

Ginseng growth takes place over many years, especially in the wild. Optimistically, a mature berry can go from a seed to mature plant in seven to ten years. Realistically, this process to maturity takes 10 to 17 years. The growth speed depends on growing conditions, soils, predation, and habitat.

A ginseng seedling has three leaflets in the first year of growth.

An immature plant with one leaf or prong with five leaflets.

Ginseng seeds require periods of warm and cold weather for seed embryo development. In the wild, this process takes

PLANT SEEDS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

An immature plant with two leaves or prongs with each having five leaflets.



18-22 months.

A mature plant with three leaves or prongs. Each leaf (prong) has five leaflets. The plant is in flower and with immature, green berries.

Berry pod with red and green fruit. A ginseng berry may hold one to four seeds. Simply planting berries with your finger in the soil when red improves seed germination.



