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Allium

Allium akaka

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This description is for *Allium* (*Allium akaka*):

Allium akaka from Asia needs to be planted at the front of your borders as the flower heads grow on quite short stems. Each plant has just two leaves, grey-green in colour, oval shaped and growing low to the ground. The flower head is half a sphere of tightly packed flowers, a dusky pink or burgundy colour. Due to its' short stature it's also well suited to being grown in a container, a lovely feature plant for a patio. It likes full sun and dry soil. Don't over water this plant. It's hardy and will survive over a frosty winter with no problem. Downy mildew, white rot, rust and onion fly can all be an issue with this species.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? no	Acidity Acidic Neutral Alkaline	Standard category Flowers & bulbs Bulbs
Dangers: comments Skin reaction possible if you handle bulbs.	Hardiness zone Z4-9	Grown for Attractive Flowers
Height [m] 0.13	Heat zone H9-1	Creative category For Beginners Colours
Spread [m] 0.1	Winter temperatures [°C] -34 - -1	Garden type Cottage garden Rock garden

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Dominant flower colour Pink	Heat days 0 - 150	Garden spaces Flower beds Cut flowers Borders
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Moisture well-drained well-drained but frequently watered	Gardening expertise beginner
Flowering seasons Early spring Mid spring Late spring	Soil type sandy Clay chalky loams	Time to reach full size 2 to 5 years
Foliage in spring Grey-green	Sun requirements Full sun	
Foliage in summer Grey-green	Exposure Sheltered	
Foliage in Autumn Grey-green		
Propagation methods seed offsets		
Growth habit Mound-forming		