

# allium

*Allium macleanii* Also known as: **Allium elatum**

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This description is for *allium* (*Allium macleanii*):

*Allium macleanii* is a native of Afghanistan where it grows naturally on sunny low altitude slopes, it won't do at all well in the shade. The flowers grow in large round balls of small pink or purple flowers. This plant needs plenty of moisture, it won't grow well in dry soil, however if the bulbs get too wet they can rot. It will also prefer soil that's rich and sandy with good drainage. The leaves are a deep green colour, shiny and quite wide for an allium. It also has a strong onion fragrance. Slugs and snails can be a problem and watch out for mildew too.



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| Plant   | Environment                                     | Usage  |
|---|---|--|
| <b>Known dangers?</b><br>no   | <b>Acidity</b><br>Acidic<br>Neutral<br>Alkaline | <b>Standard category</b><br>Flowers & bulbs<br>Bulbs |
| <b>Dangers: comments</b><br>Skin reaction possible if you handle bulbs. | <b>Hardiness zone</b><br>Z4-9                   | <b>Grown for</b><br>Attractive Flowers               |
| <b>Height [m]</b><br>0.6 - 1.1  | <b>Heat zone</b><br>H9-1                        | <b>Creative category</b><br>For Beginners<br>Colours |

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| <b>Spread [m]</b><br>0.15   | <b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b><br>-34 - -1                            | <b>Garden type</b><br>Cottage garden                          |
| <b>Dominant flower colour</b><br>Violet                               | <b>Heat days</b><br>0 - 150  | <b>Garden spaces</b><br>Flower beds<br>Cut flowers<br>Borders |
| <b>Flower Fragrance</b><br>No, neutral please                         | <b>Moisture</b><br>well-drained<br>well-drained but frequently watered | <b>Gardening expertise</b><br>beginner                        |
| <b>Flowering seasons</b><br>Early summer<br>Mid summer<br>Late summer | <b>Soil type</b><br>sandy<br>Clay<br>chalky<br>loams                   | <b>Time to reach full size</b><br>2 to 5 years                |
| <b>Foliage in spring</b><br>Green                                     | <b>Sun requirements</b><br>Full sun                                    |   |
| <b>Foliage in summer</b><br>Green                                     | <b>Exposure</b><br>Sheltered   |   |
| <b>Propagation methods</b><br>seed<br>offsets                         |  |   |
| <b>Growth habit</b><br>Upright  |  |   |