

Broad-leaved onion

Allium nigrum Also known as: **Black garlic**, *Allium multibulbosum*

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This description is for **Broad-leaved onion** (*Allium nigrum*):

Black garlic is hardy and great for beginners, but definitely has no rum in it.

Allium nigrum is a great allium for beginners as it is renowned for being very hardy. It grows in clumps, with sturdy stems so it won't be too affected by the wind but it will prefer a sheltered position in the garden. The flower heads grow at the top of these stems in a half-sphere shaped cluster of white star shaped flowers. It will grow to around 70cm in height. It likes a sunny spot but it will grow fine in partial shade. If you're planting this in clay soil then add a little grit to the soil as it will love a well-drained soil.



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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 Z5-8	Grown for Attractive Flowers
Height [m] 0.4 - 0.9	Heat zone H9-1	Creative category For Beginners Colours

Plant	Environment	Usage
Spread [m] 0.4	Winter temperatures [°C] -29 - -7	Garden type Cottage garden
Dominant flower colour White	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 summer Mid summer Late summer	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	
Propagation methods seed offsets		
Growth habit Upright		