

# Onion

*Allium* Also known as: **Allium**

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

**The only tears you'll be shedding over this onion are tears of joy over the beauty it brings to your flowerbeds!**

Alliums are plants of the onion family. It's easy to forget that the humble onion is more than just a vegetable, it is also a very attractive plant. There are many varieties, but their common feature is their beautiful flowers. Pom-pom heads on tall stalks, they are perfect for adding height to flower beds. The flowers are also generally pretty long lasting so you'll get to appreciate them for longer than some other flowering plants. Alliums are often purple flowered but there are other colours too. There are different sized plants and flower heads, all of which will look striking in your garden.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> yes	<b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral Alkaline	<b>Standard category</b> Flowers & bulbs Bulbs
<b>Dangers: comments</b> Skin reaction possible if you handle bulbs.	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Varies	<b>Grown for</b> Attractive flowers and Culinary use

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<b>Height [m]</b> 1 - 1.5	<b>Heat zone</b> Varies	<b>Creative category</b> For Beginners Colours
<b>Spread [m]</b> 1.2	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained well-drained but frequently watered	<b>Garden spaces</b> Flower beds Cut flowers Borders
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Varies	<b>Soil type</b> sandy Clay chalky loams	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun	<b>Time to reach full size</b> 2 to 5 years
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Late spring	<b>Exposure</b> Sheltered	
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Green		
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Green		
<b>Foliage in Autumn</b> Green		
<b>Propagation methods</b> seed		