



Ornamental Onion (*Allium*)

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Ornamental Onions are bulbous herbs with onion or garlic-smelling flowers. They produce showy spherical rose purple flower umbels on long, leafless stalks rising above a clump of grass. Ornamental Onions are great for borders, rock gardens, edible gardens and make great cut flowers.

Type	Perennial
Hardiness Zone	4 - 8
Sun	Full sun, partial shade
Bloom Time	July - August
Height	1' - 1.5'
Spread	1' - 1.5'
Tolerance	Drought tolerant
Attracts	Bees, butterflies
Additional Features	Deer resistant, rabbit resistant

Soil and Site Recommendations

- Drainage: good drainage
- Soil pH: acidic (pH < 7.0), neutral (pH = 7.0)
- Type: high organic matter, loamy, sand
- Planting considerations: borders, rock gardens

Planting Recommendations

- Type: self-seeding, division through use of bulb offsets
- When to plant: spring or fall
- Depth of planting: 2 - 3 times the diameter of the bulb
- Mulching: bark, pine needles, or gravel
- Spacing: 6" - 12"
- Spread: 6" - 1'
- Division/transplant tips: the clump can be lifted and divided

Maintenance

- Watering: dry to medium as bulb may rot if too wet



- Fertilization: if soil isn't amended regularly, fertilize as they start to flower with bulb fertilizer
- Pinching/deadheading: deadhead once flowers have faded
- Annual maintenance: deadheading is the only necessary pruning. Flower removal prevents self-seeding.

Common Problems

Disease: bulb rot, white rot, rust, and mildew

Insects: thrips

Resources

<https://plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/allium/>

<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?taxonid=263431&isprofile=1&basic=allium>

<https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/articles/egyptian-walking-onions/>

Questions or problems: What's wrong with my plant for information on garden pests and diseases:

<http://apps.extension.umn.edu/garden/diagnose/plant/>

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Onion (*Allium Cepa*)



Egyptian Onion (*Allium Proliferum*)