

ONION *ALLIUM*

PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

Size

1 - 4' high, ½ - 1' wide

Sun/Shade

Full Sun to Part Shade

Water

Medium

Maintenance

Low

Life Span

Herbaceous Perennial, Zones 3-9

Description

Allium is a family of plants with over 700 different species including onions, ornamental onions, garlic, scallions, shallots, leeks and chives. They are all flowering plants and most prefer full sun. Many are herbaceous perennials but some are annuals in some locations including chives, scallions and garlic. Most bloom in late spring to early summer with small blooms that can range from yellow/gold to pink, purple, red and white. They grow best from bulb division since some seeds may take years to germinate. In cooler climates the bulbs can be dug up at the end of the season and stored to overwinter before spring planting. *Allium* attracts pollinators and are used both ornamentally and as a food source. When grown in wet soils they are prone to fungal issues including bulb rot, white rot, rust and mildew. Most species are deer resistant.

Source: [NC State Cooperative Extension](#)



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