

Allium

(Allium sp.)

If you have ever seen the blooms of the onion and the garlic, you might recognize their relation to the allium. The globe flower shape is easily identified, even in allium's varied shapes and colors. *A. giganteum* -- tallest of the group-- has flower stalks 3 to 5 feet tall over a base of foliage. Flowers are purple and appear in early summer. *A. rooseae* is about 2 inches tall with golden-yellow flowers in midsummer. Drumstick allium (*A. sphaerocephalum*) produces giant red blooms on 2-foot-tall stalks. *A. karataviense* is silvery pink in late spring.

Soil: Rich, well drained

Light: Full sun

Planting Depth: Small, 5 inches; Large, 8 inches

Planting Distance: Small, 4 inches; Large, 12 inches

Comments

Water well during the growing season. Fertilize when foliage starts to appear.