

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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A collection for observation and reference. Detailed explanations to help you make care decisions suited to your plant and its position.

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical name	Allium cristophii
Delivery size	15 bulbs for planting · not flowering potted plants
Family	Amaryllidaceae
Life span	Perennial; with above-ground dormancy
Flower colour	Pink-purple with a metallic-looking sheen
Flowering time	Early summer; timing dependent on weather and position
Expected height	About 50-60 cm at flowering; not delivery height
Planting time	Autumn in unfrozen ground; plant delivered bulbs promptly
Spacing	About 20 cm as a guide; leave room for large flower heads
Planting depth	Follow the actual bulb; specialist supplier gives about three diameters
Position	Sunny; well-drained soil

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Light	Choose a sunny position.	Low neighbours should leave the heads visible.
Soil	Prepare permeable ground.	Summer-wet resting positions are unfavourable.
Planting time	Plant in autumn in unfrozen ground.	The tip points upwards.
Depth	Account for actual bulb and packaging.	Commercial grade is not a measured diameter.
Spacing	About 20 cm as a guide.	Large open flower globes need space.
Water	Supply active plants according to soil moisture.	Containers dry differently from garden soil.
Foliage	Let naturally declining leaves mature.	A spent globe does not immediately end the leaf phase.
Winter	Protect containers from persistent wetness.	Pot soil is exposed differently from a border.

Knowledge that grows

A globe that lets light through

This ornamental onion forms its flower globe from many narrow, pointed star-shaped flowers. Air remains between them; light and background show through slender stalks. Pink-purple may shimmer almost metallically. Heads reach about twenty centimetres in diameter and sit on relatively low stems. At the front of a border you can examine them especially well up close. The shop spells it Christophii; in the specialist source the species also appears as *Allium cristophii*. They mean the same characteristic star-globe ornamental onion.

Fifteen bulbs give a garden corner rhythm

You receive fifteen bulbs for planting, not ready-made flower globes. Images show a later flowering phase. First consider which path or seat should have a view of the group. An irregular distribution among lower perennials often looks calmer than a straight row. Approximately twenty centimetres spacing is a starting guide; broad heads need visual space. Lay bulbs out on the ground before planting. This allows changes to the group without later moving already rooted plants.

A sunny place with quiet neighbours

Sun and well-drained soil are the foundation. A small gravel garden, drier border edge or sunny area before a wall may suit, provided water can drain through the soil. Low neighbours should neither crowd shoots nor later conceal flower heads. Narrow grey-green leaves may already decline while flowering. Thoughtful neighbours accompany this change. Summer flowers watered constantly directly above resting bulbs are no ideal combination if they keep the ground continually wet.

Autumn planting begins with the real bulb

Plant in workable ground in autumn. The tip points upwards; close soil gently afterwards. The specialist supplier uses about three actual bulb diameters as a depth guide. This is not the same as the commercial grading class in the offer name. Follow the delivered packaging and ground conditions. Mark the group so resting bulbs remain intact during later garden work. A deep container is possible but needs clear drainage holes, enough substrate and a position where heads do not constantly rub against neighbours.

Supply shoots and recognise the summer pause

Check soil moisture in spring. Existing rain often suffices in borders; containers may need extra water. Actual soil matters, not a fixed watering date. Add nutrients as needed during shoots while accounting for reserves. The specialist supplier recommends moderate supply at the start of growth. This does not become continuous feeding into summer. Adapt care when foliage dies back naturally. A drier rest phase does not mean deliberately allowing the plant to wilt during active shoots.

Even spent stars retain a lovely line

Dry flower heads can remain in the border for a time. Their framework is particularly interesting before a quiet wall. Remove them if they bend over or you dislike seed formation. Green leaves are not cut for a tidy photograph; dead remains can be removed later. The bulbs are ornamentals, not kitchen onions. A picture of the fresh and dry globe is worthwhile in the plant book. Both show the same structure in different phases and help next year's design.

Follow a returning group attentively

The species is perennial. Flower strength and number also depend on light, soil and the previous growing phase. If a group weakens, first check shading, wetness and competition. Daughter bulbs can be carefully separated if needed when the plant rests. Keep the new position and planting depth in mind. In containers the underground area is more exposed in winter than in a border; stand them sheltered and avoid persistent rain wetness. A short annual comparison shows development better than continual moving.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



AI-created detail of later flowering; not delivery condition.



Original shop picture of later flowering. Offer: 15 bulbs for planting, not ready-planted containers.



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Good to know

What is Christophii called botanically?

The specialist source uses *Allium cristophii*; the shop name remains Christophii.

How many bulbs are in the offer?

Fifteen bulbs for planting.

How tall does the species grow at flowering?

Approximately 50–60 cm; that is not delivery height.

Are the heads very dense?

Large globes consist of individual star flowers with visible gaps.

May dry flower heads remain?

Yes, while stable and you enjoy their effect.

Can it grow in a container?

Yes, in a suitable deep container with good drainage and appropriate winter care.

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