

## Plant Data Sheet

Species (common name, Latin name)

*Allium acuminatum*, Hooker's or Tapertip onion



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### Range

East of the Cascades, Washington to California, east to Wyoming; also in northwest Washington and Vancouver Island, British Columbia

### Climate, elevation

Common in dry, open, often rocky areas, low to moderate elevations in the mountains

### Local occurrence (where, how common)

Uncommon.

### Habitat preferences

Dry, sunny, brushy or wooded slopes/summits/ & flats; in volcanic areas

### Plant strategy type/successional stage

Herb/forb.

May be collected as: (seed, layered, divisions, etc.)

Seeds in late summer.

### Propagation recommendations (plant seeds, vegetative parts, cuttings, etc.)

Reproduction by seeds. Seed - sow spring in a cold frame. Prick out the seedlings into individual pots when they are large enough to handle - if you want to produce clumps more quickly then put three plants in each pot. Grow them on in the greenhouse for at least their first winter and plant them out into their permanent positions in spring once they are growing vigorously and are large enough. Division in spring. Very easy, the plants divide successfully at any time in the growing season and the divisions can be planted straight out into their permanent positions if required.

### Soil or medium requirements (inoculum necessary?)

Medium to course soils. pH between 6 and 8.

### Care requirements after installed (water weekly, water once etc.)

Requires little moisture.

### Normal rate of growth or spread; lifespan

Rapid growth rate. 1 foot mature height. Short lifespan.

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