

*Van Zyverden's*  
ALLIUM KARATAVIENSE



Allium are in the same family as garlic, onions, chives and shallots. This makes gardeners wonder if they should include them in their ornamental gardening plans, as it conjures up images of supermarket produce. But because good garden designs are often made up of different shapes, allium's rounded blooms make for high drama and interest in the garden. The Allium group gets more popular annually, from over 300 species to choose. They amaze everyone, and few plants create this kind of wow in the garden. We will be adding many new varieties shortly.

*Commonly called Turkistan onion*

*Deer and rodent resistant*

*Leaves and bulbs  
have a mild onion-like aroma  
when cut or bruised.*

*About This Variety:* Allium Karataviense is a compact, bulbous perennial that is ornamentally grown for both its foliage and its flowers. It is native to the Karatau Mountains (hence the specific epithet) in Kazakhstan. Broad-elliptic, spreading, gray-green, basal leaves appear in pairs. Leaves are sometimes mottled with purple. In late spring, a short but sturdy flowering stem rises from the center of each leaf pair. Each flowering stem is topped with a large spherical flower head containing tiny, star-shaped, dull pink florets. Flowers bloom in early summer. Flowers have a mild fragrance.

*Growing Instructions:* As Alliums do not like wet feet, find a sunny location where the soil drains well or try to improve the drainage. The bulbs will rot in wet areas. Aside from that, almost no maintenance is required.

*Care Tip:* Dig, divide, and replant bulbs after a few years of decreasing flower production.

*Exposure:* Full sun to partial shade

*Height:* Grows 6-12" tall

*Spacing:* Plant 6-12" apart, 3-5" deep

*USDA Zones:* Hardy in USDA zones 4-8

Guaranteed to grow 1 year from purchase if directions are followed. Any concerns related to quality and/or counts feel free to contact us.

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