## Van Zyverden's ALLIUM SPHAEROCEPHALON





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 rounded headed leak or drumstick allium

Deer and rodent resistant

Each flower head displays an interesting bi-color effect as the florets change from green to purple About This Variety: Allium sphaerocephalon is a bulbous perennial that is ornamentally grown for its early summer bloom of rose-purple to pink flower heads. This plant is native throughout Europe to the Caucusus, Iran and northern Africa. Cylindrical, hollow, grassy, gray-green leaves to 14" long form a foliage clump in spring. In late spring, sturdy slender flowering stems rise topped with egg-shaped flower heads. Each flower head is a tight, dense, clover-like cluster of tiny florets that emerge deep green but mature to rose-purple. Flower heads resemble the flower heads of some clovers. Flowers lack 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 20-24" tall

Spacing: Plant 4-6" apart, 3-5" deep

USDA Zones: Hardy in USDA zones 4-8











