

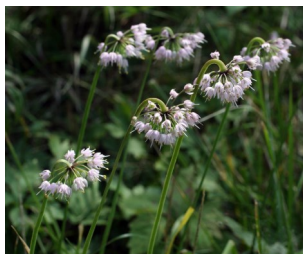


# UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

## Nodding Onion (*Allium cernuum*)



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**Zone:** 4-8

**Color:** Pink, purple

**Bloom Time:** June through August

**Plant Type:** Perennial herb

**Mature Height:** 12-18" tall

**Mature Spread:** 8-14" wide

**Water Use:** High

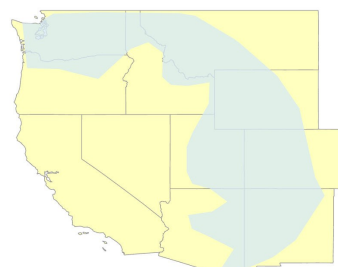
**Soil Type:** Loam, sand, gravel, clay

**Range and Native Habitat:** The nodding onion is one of the most widespread species of the *Allium* genus occurring throughout the U.S. It grows on moist, rocky soils and along stream banks in meadows, prairies, and montane habitats.

**Suggested Maintenance:** Nodding onion should be grown with plants that will not compete with it for space. It will gradually form small clumps by making new offsets. Control the size of the clumps by dividing the bulbs.

**Other:** Nodding onion dies back to a bulb in late summer. It will bloom in its second or third year. Although the plant can be eaten, it has little culinary value. While it prefers moist soils, it can also tolerate drought once established.

### Distribution Map



### Wildlife Supported



### Landscaping Information



**Sun**

Full sun to partial shade



**Water Needs**

High



**Summer Irrigation**

Max 4x / month once established



**Soil Drainage**

Well-drained



**Propagation**

By seed, 12 weeks stratification, or division