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Suggested species: *Allium schoenoprasum* (botanical name)

PLANT



Sow seed 0.5cm deep and thin or transplant seedlings to 25cm apart. Can also dig up and split established plants in autumn. Choose rich moist soil in sunny site

GROW



Water well in dry weather. Remove flowering stems to increase leaf production (unless growing for flowers). Leaves die back to soil level in winter

EAT



Cut leaves to use fresh or for freezing from when plants are 15cm tall, leaving 5cm of stem to regrow. Will crop year after year. Flowers are also edible

Growing guide

Easy!

Average growing period

From 12 weeks

Equipment needed

None

Germination time

10-20 days

Average plant size

30cm tall and wide

Family group to grow with

Alliaceae: onion, shallot

Seed saving group

2 - (Perennial, can cross-pollinate)

Key nutritional content

Fresh: vit. A, vit. C, calcium

| Spring Term | | | Summer Term | | | | Autumn/Winter Term | | | | |
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■ Sow indoors

■ Sow outdoors

■ Plant out/transplant

■ Harvest

■ Use cloche

2.5cm = 1 inch 30 cm = 1 foot