



## **Nodding Onion**

*Allium cernuum*

### **Growing Information**

- Sunlight: Full to part sun
- Soils: prefers moist, circumneutral pH soils, but is tough and adaptable to drier spots.
- Bloom Time: June-September
- Size: Up to 2 feet tall when flowering.

Pompom-shaped, purple flowers appear on the plant throughout the summer. Seed head begins to droop as it matures, hence the name “nodding” onion. Not as edible as other *Allium* sp., so best saved for the bees! Can self-seed in ideal conditions and benefits from being divided after a few years. Other native *Alliums* such as *Allium canadense* (Wild Garlic) and *Allium schoenoprasum* (Wild Chives) are a bit tougher, but less showy. Not a Cape Cod native, but native to Long Island and states to the west and south.

### **Garden Companions**

Purple Lovegrass (*Eragrostis spectabilis*), Butterflyweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), Anise Hyssop (*Agastache foeniculum*), Asters (*Symphyotrichum* spp.)

### **Nature Benefits**

- Highly attractive to butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds

### **Native Habitat**

Dry to moist prairies, stream banks, open woodlands.