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SPECIES

Tulbaghia violacea

COMMON NAME

Wild garlic, Society garlic, Pink agapanthus

ORIGIN

Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal and Limpopo, to as far north as Zimbabwe

DESIGN USE

Herb garden plant, edging plant, container plant, Rock garden



HEIGHT

0.50m

SPREAD

HABIT

This is a perennial that will spread slowly by its rhizomes, but will not become aggressive.



FLOWERS

The pinkish mauve, tubular flowers, clustered into umbels of up to twenty flowers, are held above the leaves on a tall flower stalk, and appear over a long period. They too smell of garlic when picked.

FLOWERING PERIOD

January to April



LEAVES

The leaves are long, narrow, strap-like, slightly fleshy and smell strongly of garlic when bruised. They grow from fat, tuberous roots which spread to form clumps of plants.

FRUIT

The fruit, triangular capsules, are grouped into a head, and when ripe they split to release the flattened, hard black seeds.

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Society garlic does best in full sun. Plants will grow well in shade, but may not flower much. Indoor plants should be kept in the brightest light possible.

HORTICULTURE

Grows very easily in most soils. It thrives in well-drained soil containing plenty of compost. Tulbaghias seldom fall prey to pests and diseases, but slugs and snails can cause considerable damage to the foliage.



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