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Tulbaghia violacea 'Variegata'

Plant Height: 14 inches

Flower Height: 20 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Striped Society Garlic

Description:

A very ornamental variety with variegated green and white foliage that has a garlic odor and can be used in salads and cooking; great for containers or as an accent plant for the water garden

Edible Qualities

Variegated Society Garlic is an annual herb that is typically grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. The entire above-ground parts of the plant are edible, and are usually harvested from early to late summer. The edible parts have a mild taste and a distinctive fragrance.

The plant is most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Cooking

Planting & Growing

Variegated Society Garlic will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity extending to 20 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 20 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.



Variegated Society Garlic flowers
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This plant is quite ornamental as well as edible, and is as much at home in a landscape or flower garden as it is in a designated herb garden. It does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in moist to wet soil, and will even tolerate some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.



Variegated Society Garlic foliage
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