# Red Wethersfield Onion

***Allium cepa 'Red Wethersfield'***



*Red Wethersfield Onion fruit*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 6 inches

Spacing: 6 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Heirloom

**Description:**

A wonderful sun loving variety perfect for large patio containers or gardens; produces medium sized, flattened globe onions with dark red papery skin and white-purple fine grained flesh; delicious and slightly sharp, perfect for salads, salsa and burgers

**Edible Qualities**

Red Wethersfield Onion is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. The entire above-ground parts of the plant are edible, and are typically harvested when mature. The edible parts have a sharp taste and a firm texture.

The plant is most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Baking
- Sauces

**Planting & Growing**

Red Wethersfield Onion will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 6 inches apart. This vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

This plant is typically grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, and it is considered by many to be an heirloom variety. It can be propagated by multiplication of the underground bulbs; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Red Wethersfield Onion is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.