Allium L. species distribution and collections in Lithuania

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Distribution of wild growing *Allium* L. species in Lithuania

There are 7 *Allium* L. species growing wild in Lithuania. Studies of the distribution and habit of perennial edible *Allium* species showed that *A. oleraceum*, *A. scorodoprasum*, *A. ursinum*, *A. vineale, A. angulosum, and A. schoenoprasum* were found, mostly growing naturally in 55 habitats in different regions of Lithuania (B.Karpavičienė 2004).

The largest amount of data was collected on *A. ursinum* and *A. oleraceum* habitats, other species are rare or very rare.

Perrenial *Allium* plants tolerate low temperatures well. Seeds‘ germination begins at air temperatures of 3-5°C. Plants remain dormant during winter, and vegetation begins in early spring, late February to early March, and lasts up to 8 months. Plants usually flower in June-July.

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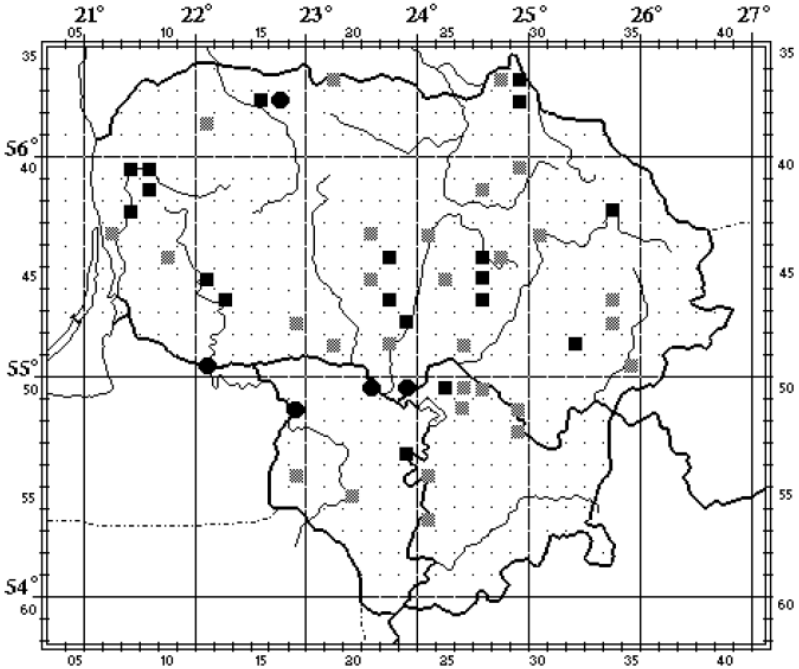
Distribution of *Allium ursinum* and *A. schoenoprasum* in Lithuania. ■ – *A. ursinum*, area <0.5 ha; ■ – *A. ursinum*, area >0.5 ha; ● – *A. schoenoprasum*



- ✓ *A. ursinum* plants are the most popular between perennial species.
- ✓ There are about 90 known habitats of *A. ursinum.* They are concentrated in the middle and western lowlands of Lithuania.
- ✓ *A. ursinum* grows naturally in moist forests and shady places and occurs frequently on loamy soils.

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Allium L. species maintenance and preservation in Botanical garden
Šiauliai University Botanical Garden





Botanical Garden of Klaipeda University

Activity of Department of Vegetable Breeding and Technology (Babtai) (LAMMC)

- Preservation and maintenance of vegetable genetic resources and creation of new cultivars.
- Plant and seed samples are maintained in the stores at Institute of Horticulture and the field expositions.

Collection of perennial *Allium* L. species

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7 species and 14 different samples are cultivated in the field collection.

IV juosta	III juosta	II juosta	I juosta
	Allium schoenoprasum L. 'Aliai'	*Allium angulosum* L. No 10-01	*Allium schoenoprasum* L. No 04-30
	Allium schoenoprasum L. No 11-31	*Allium nutans* L. No. 11-02	*Allium schoenoprasum* L. No 04-32
	Allium schoenoprasum L. No 04-29	*Allium nutans* L. No11-01	*Allium fistulosum* L. 'Bajkal'
Allium schoenoprasum L.	*Allium schoenoprasum* L. 'Zornaja Rostan'	*Allium ursinum* L. No 21-01 No 22-01	*Allium fistulosum* L. 'Marozka'

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Collection of *Allium sativum* L.

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60 vegetatively propagated *A. sativum* samples are cultivated in the field collection. They are different according morphological features.














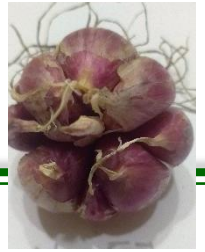


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Collection of *Allium cepa* L. and *A.cepa* var. *Aggregatum*
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A collection of 24 accessions generatively propagated onion and 25 accessions vegetatively propagated potato onions are cultivated in the field collection.















Samples *of Allium cepa* L. var. *Aggregatum*

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Allium L. cultivars created at the Department of Vegetable Breeding and Technology (Babtai)(LAMMC) in 2004 -2024

***Allium cepa* L. (Onion)**

‘Babtų didieji’, 2004

‘Joriai’, 2020

Allium cepa* L. var. *Aggregatum

(Potato onion)

‘Rausviai’, 2024

***Allium schoenoprasum* L. (Chives)**

‘Aliai’, 2006

***Allium sativum* L. (Garlic)**

‘Žiemiai’, 2004

‘Dangiai’ , 2015

‘Vasariai’, 2006

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All presented cultivars are involved in the Lithuanian National list of plant varieties and EU common catalogue.

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