



## ORNITHOGALUM GROWING GUIDE



**Common Name:** CHINCHERINCHEE

**Botanical Name:** Ornithogalum thyrsoides **Family Name:** Hyacinthaceae

**Plant Type:** Bulb **Size:** 60cm H x 10cm W

**Planting Time:** Autumn **Planting Width:** 10cm **Depth:** 8cm

**Flowering:** Spring **Positioning:** Full Sun

**General Information:** Suitable for most climates except tropical and semi-arid. Unsuitable for the tropics. Can withstand -5°C temperatures.

**Watering:** Chincherinchee is drought hardy once established but will benefit from an occasional deep watering during the growing season.

**Fertilising:** Although fertilising is not essential it would certainly be beneficial to apply a complete fertiliser during the growth period, this will encourage the plant to produce better blooms.

**Soil:** Prefers a well drained but not very rich soil.

**Lifting & Storage:** Can be left undisturbed for many years, divide only when very crowded.

**Pests:** Generally a trouble free bulb, however it is susceptible to a fungal disease, which may occur during cool, showery weather. A fungicide may be required in this case.

**Tips:** Cut spent flower stems at ground level. Chincherinchee makes an ideal cut flower that will last for weeks.