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*Allium cepa* var. *proliferum*

[Synonyms : *Allium cepa* var. *bulbelliferum*, *Allium cepa* var. *viviparum*, *Allium proliferum*, *Cepa prolifera*]

**EGYPTIAN ONION** is a bulbous perennial. It has pickling onions or bulbils on stem tips in place of flowers (the latter rarely materialise).

It is also known as Catawissa onion, *Cebula wielopiętrowy* (Polish), *Hong cong* (Chinese), *Luftlök* (Swedish), *Luk mnogojarusnyi* (Russian), Proliferous onion, Top onion, Tree onion, and Walking onion.

*Cepa* is derived for some authorities from Celtic *cep* (head), is said by some to mean ‘headed’, and is the Latin name for onion (often spelled *caepa*). *Proliferum* means ‘free-flowering or spreading readily from side shoots or buds’.