Allium cernuum
Nodding Wild Onion

The newly germinated seedling looks a lot like a blade of grass.

The black oval seed coat may remain attached to the seedling for many days.

Each new leaf wraps around the older leaves at the base.

Over the next few weeks, the Allium seedling will develop more long thin leaves.

As Allium cernuum grows, the leaves become wider. New leaves emerge from the center of the plant, with the leaf surfaces facing each other.

You can see a paper-like "sheath" at the base of each leaf.

Over time, more clumps of leaves will grow.

Break a leaf in half; notice the curved cross-section and the familiar smell of onion.

Allium cernuum usually doesn't flower until it is at least one year old.

Long tubular flower stems grow from the center and grow taller than the leaves.

Flower buds hang down from the tips of these stems, giving the plant its common name, "Nodding Wild Onion".

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