

## Onion vs Shallot (vsdiff.com)

Characteristic	Onion	Shallot
Botanical group	<b>Allium cepa</b> (varied types)	<b>Allium cepa var. aggregatum</b> (or closely related)
Typical bulb size	~5-10 cm	~2-4 cm
Flavor profile	<b>Pungent to sweet</b>	<b>Milder, more complex</b>
Common culinary use	Base aromatics, texture	Delicate sauces, vinaigrettes, raw finishing
Cooking behavior	Caramelizes broadly; can dominate	Softens quickly; integrates subtly

Source: <https://vsdiff.com/onion-vs-shallot/>