

Crocus biflorus weldenii

Flowering Time	Spring
Distribution	NE Italy; W Croatia; W Bosnia; W Serbia; N Albania
Native Climate	Mediterranean
Wild Habitat	Grassland, stony places, thin woodland
Distinctive Features	White flowers no yellow in throat, sometimes with some lilac/violet staining on outer petals
Closest Relatives	Crocus biflorus alexandrii
Cultivation Requirements	Well drained soil, sunny position. (UK Garden)
Availability	Cultivar 'Fairy' widely available from bulb suppliers

The cultivar Fairy illustrated below is not typical of this subspecies. Plants with a suffusion of colour over the entire outer petals are rare in wild populations. This is a good example of the unusual form attracting the attention of horticulturalists. Perhaps unusually, in this case the unusual form has proved amenable both to cultivation and horticultural increase.

