

Crocus banaticus

Flowering Time	Early Autumn
Distribution	Romania (and some adjacent regions)
Native Climate	Cool and damp summer and winter
Wild Habitat	Meadows and deciduous woodland
Distinctive Features	Three inner petals <u>very much</u> smaller than outers
Closest Relatives	In a class of its own! (and a subgenus of its own)
Cultivation Requirements	Cool, well drained but permanently moist site/soil
Availability	Widely available from specialist nurseries

A very distinctive plant, with a flower whose outer petals can reflex (fold back) leading some early botanists to call the plant Crocus 'iridiflorus'. A straightforward garden plant in northern temperate gardens, it is not difficult to raise from seed.





Crocus banaticus seed – actual size of seed c2mm diameter