

Crocus corsicus

Flowering Time	Spring
Distribution	Corsica
Native Climate	Mediterranean
Wild Habitat	Rocky hillsides, in scrub
Distinctive Features	Bright lilac flowers with creamy yellowish outer petals veined or feathered with purple. Red style branches
Closest Relatives	Crocus minimus
Cultivation Requirements	Cool moist winter, warm dryish summer. (Will grow in southern UK gardens, given well drained soil)
Availability	Widely offered by specialist bulb suppliers

Very attractive and straightforward plant with the added bonus of a honey scent (in at least one widely cultivated clone). Closely related to *Crocus minimus* which often has a much larger purple stain on the outer petals and petals of a slightly different shape.

The form available in commerce in the UK is a clone which increases well and is tolerant of garden conditions in the drier southern parts of the UK. The lower picture shows some of the variation in seen in wild populations.





Fibrous corm tunics, finely reticulated (netted) near the base.