

## Crocus gilanicus

Flowering Time	Autumn
Distribution	W Iran
Native Climate	Continental montane. Cold winter, cool summer
Wild Habitat	Forests and pastures
Distinctive Features	White flowers with light purple veins, before leaves. Thin membranous corm tunic
Closest Relatives	Similar in appearance (but unrelated) to <a href="#">Crocus kotschyanus suworowianus</a>
Cultivation Requirements	Moisture retentive soil, avoid complete drying out in summer
Availability	?Specialist seed lists

Most (?all) plants in cultivation originate from collections made by Wendelbo and Shirdelpur in the early 1970's. Cultivated plants do set seed which is readily raised to flowering size given the basic requirements outlined above. However the flowers are small and the species is best give some protection so this is unlikely to become a successful garden plant. It does have a quiet charm but will remain a collectors plant.

