

Crocus graveolens

Flowering Time	Early Sprng
Distribution	SW Turkey; NW Syria; Lebanon; N Israel
Native Climate	Mediterranean with montane influences. Cold winter with snow
Wild Habitat	In rocky places or scrub/woodland clearings often over limestone
Distinctive Features	Smallish narrow petalled yellow flowers variously marked with brown/purple. Corm tunic membranous when young, splitting lengthways with age. Unpleasantly scented!
Closest Relatives	Crocus vitellinus
Cultivation Requirements	Best given winter protection due to small flowers produced early. Dryish summer rest
Availability	?Specialist bulb suppliers

Despite the interest of variable external markings this species has little horticultural merit. In UK gardens the small starry flowers are usually produced in winter and quickly become ungainly as the tube elongates.



