

Crocus hermoneus hermoneus

Flowering Time	Late Autumn
Distribution	Mt Hermon; C Israel; W Jordan
Native Climate	Harsh dry continental. Winter rains, summer 6 months drought
Wild Habitat	Rocky places and in scrub, over limestone
Distinctive Features	Pale lilac flowers, orange style divided into 6+ branches. Corm tunic mostly fibrous, parallel or weakly netted
Closest Relatives	Crocus cancellatus cancellatus
Cultivation Requirements	Winter protection, summer long, warm, dry rest. Supplementary lighting in winter may be beneficial when grown in higher latitudes
Availability	Rarely available. Sometimes in specialist seed lists

Recently plants have been observed in the region of distribution, which show a range of intermediate corm tunics between that of *Crocus hermoneus* and *Crocus cancellatus cancellatus*. The flowers are indistinguishable from each other. Some revision of the taxonomy of these plants may be made in the future.



