## **Crocus hermoneus palaestinus**

Flowering Time	Late Autumn
Distribution	Israel
Native Climate	Harsh dry continental. Winter rains,
	summer 6 months drought
Wild Habitat	Rocky places and in scrub, over limestone
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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
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Considered by many to be doubtfully distinct from Crocus hermoneus hermoneus.

See pictures of variations and some discussion on these plants at :

http://www.srgc.org.uk/smf/index.php?topic=4600.msg124 290#msg124290