

Crocus karduchorum

Flowering Time	Autumn
Distribution	SE Turkey
Native Climate	Cool, moist, montane
Wild Habitat	Slopes in deciduous woodland and scrub
Distinctive Features	Lilac flower, many long white style branches. Thin membranous corm tunic with fibres
Closest Relatives	Crocus kotschyanus
Cultivation Requirements	Cool situation, dryish but not parched summer rest
Availability	Rarely from specialist bulb suppliers*

Distinguished from the superficially similar *Crocus kotschyanus* subspecies by the absence of yellow in the throat and the long white style branches see <http://www.srgc.org.uk/smf/index.php?topic=771.msg18941#msg18941>

*Buyer beware! *Crocus kotschyanus* var *leucopharynx* was offered under this name in commerce for many years. This mistake may still be perpetuated.