

Crocus korolkowii

Flowering Time	Spring
Distribution	Afghanistan; N Pakistan; Tajikistan; Uzbekistan
Native Climate	Cold winter with snow, dry summer
Wild Habitat	Open rocky and grassy places above 1200m
Distinctive Features	Glossy yellow flowers variously marked dark brown
Corm tunic	Membranous ageing to many parallel fibres
Closest Relatives	Crocus alatavicus; Crocus michelsonii
Cultivation Requirements	Dryish summer preferred, tolerant of winter cold and wet. (Grown outside in sunny, well drained sites in UK gardens)
Availability	Specialist bulb suppliers

A number of striking named forms of this species are available from specialist suppliers. The main difference is in the exterior markings, which range from slight speckling to large dark zones.



An unusual white form has arisen in cultivation: Crocus korolkowii 'Snow Leopard'



