

## Crocus longiflorus

Flowering Time	Autumn
Distribution	SW Italy; Malta; Sicily
Native Climate	Mediterranean
Wild Habitat	Stony places in dryish grassland, usually over limestone at up to 1900m
Distinctive Features	Flower lilac/purple. Style three orange/red branches Corm tunic fibrous, somewhat netted. Strong honey scent
Closest Relatives	<a href="#">Crocus medius</a> ; <a href="#">Crocus nudiflorus</a>
Cultivation Requirements	Sunny position. Tolerant of some summer moisture (Can be grown successfully outside in UK gardens)
Availability	Specialist bulb suppliers and seed lists

A very attractive flower, which attracts many pollinators as a result of its strong scent. Seed is readily set in cultivation and is a good method for raising new corms. A variable plant with flowers usually shades of lilac but occasionally white, petals can be attractively marked or plain coloured. The throat is golden yellow and the red style branches are a striking feature. Several different forms are illustrated below.



