

Crocus nevadensis

Flowering Time	Early Spring
Distribution	N Africa; NE, E, & SE Spain
Native Climate	Cool moist winter, warm dryish summer
Wild Habitat	Mountain meadows and stony places
Distinctive Features	Flower white, cream or pale lilac with violet veins. Corm tunic fibres, mostly parallel
Closest Relatives	Crocus carpetanus
Cultivation Requirements	Well ventilated winter protection advised. Botrytis on dying flowers can enter the whole plant with fatal results. Dryish summer rest.
Availability	Rarely available from specialist bulb suppliers

Related to *Crocus carpetanus* which is unusual in that the back of the leaves is rounded. Crocuses usually have an flattish keel on the underside of the leaves. *Crocus nevadensis* is intermediate between *Crocus carpetanus* and the norm in that it has a keel but the keel is rounded.

Sometimes described as having little ornamental value, some forms are quite attractively marked, however the trials of cultivation make this a plant for specialist growers. This plant is, like many other species, variable.



