

Crocus olivieri balansae

Flowering Time	Spring
Distribution	W Turkey
Native Climate	Mediterranean
Wild Habitat	Open slopes and in scrub to 1000m
Distinctive Features	Orange-yellow flower usually marked with purplish brown. Style divided into 12-15 branches. Corm tunic membranous, splitting at the base
Closest Relatives	Crocus olivieri olivieri ; Crocus olivieri istanbulensis ; Crocus flavus ; Crocus graveolens ; Crocus vitellinus
Cultivation Requirements	Cool moist winter. Warm dryish summer rest. (Probably best given winter protection in UK gardens)
Availability	Specialist bulb suppliers



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