

Crocus oreocreticus

Flowering Time	Autumn
Distribution	C & E Crete
Native Climate	Dry Mediterranean
Wild Habitat	Open rocky mountainsides over limestone
Distinctive Features	Lilac/purple flower with silvery or buff exterior to three outer petals. Style divides at or just above the throat of the flower into three red branches.
Corm tunic	Finely netted fibres
Closest Relatives	<i>Crocus cartwrightianus</i>
Cultivation Requirements	Warm dry summer rest needed. Winter protection advised in gardens away from native region
Availability	Specialist bulb suppliers

