

Crocus pestalozzae

Flowering Time	Spring
Distribution	NW Turkey
Native Climate	Mediterranean
Wild Habitat	Open places, grassy or stony
Distinctive Features	Flowers blue or white. Corm tunic membranous with basal rings. Cataphylls green. Black stain at the base of each filament in throat of flower
Closest Relatives	Crocus biflorus complex
Cultivation Requirements	Cool moist winter. Warm dryish summer.
Availability	Specialist bulb suppliers and seed lists

Can be grown outside in UK gardens given good drainage and a sunny spot where the soil dries out in summer. Rather small flowered for the open garden but a good candidate for a trough or raised bed.



Crocus pestalozzae white form – note the black ‘spots’ in the throat of the flower, a distinctive feature of this species.



