

# Crocus serotinus serotinus

Flowering Time	Autumn
Distribution	Portugal
Native Climate	Cool moist winter, warm dry summer
Wild Habitat	Open rocky/sandy places, pinewoods, often in acid soils
Distinctive Features	Flowers in shades of lilac. Corm tunic coarsely netted fibres
Closest Relatives	<a href="#">Crocus serotinus clusii</a> ; <a href="#">Crocus serotinus salzmännii</a>
Cultivation Requirements	Warm dry rest preferred
Availability	Specialist bulb suppliers

The three subspecies of *Crocus serotinus* are most easily distinguished by their corm tunic. Subspecies *serotinus* has coarsely netted fibres; subspecies *clusii* has finely netted fibres; subspecies *salzmännii* has a membranous tunic splitting into parallel fibres.

All three subspecies can make good garden plants in temperate areas. Those forms from drier native regions need a drier summer rest.

