

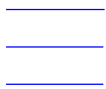
Crocus sieberi sieberi

Flowering Time	Spring
Distribution	Crete
Native Climate	Dry Mediterranean
Wild Habitat	Stony hillsides and short grazed turf
Distinctive Features	Flower white with purple stain on exterior of outer petals, throat yellow. Corm tunic finely netted fibres
Closest Relatives	Crocus sieberi atticus Crocus sieberi nivalis Crocus sieberi sublimis
Cultivation Requirements	Winter protection best away from native climate. Warm dryish summer rest
Availability	Specialist bulb suppliers

Very distinct in flower from the other subspecies and also occupying a somewhat disjunct distribution. The external markings are very variable, although almost always attractive.

In cultivation this is a more difficult plant to maintain, requiring a drier summer rest. This species has been hybridised in cultivation with subspecies *atticus* to produce cultivar 'Hubert Edelsten' which is a good garden plant.

This plant has very variable markings on the exterior of the outer petals. Several forms are pictured below.





Crocus sieberi seed – actual size c1.5mm diameter