Crocus vernus albiflorus

Flowering Time Spring

Distribution Albania; Austria; Czechoslovakia; Sicily; Macedonia;

Serbia; Italy; Germany; Switzerland; France; Spain

Native Climate Cold winter with snow cover usually lengthy. Short

alpine summer

Wild Habitat Mountain turf

Distinctive Features Flower commonly white but can be purple of striped.

Corm tunic fine fibres, can be slightly netted

Closest Relatives Crocus vernus vernus

Cultivation Requirements Cool winter, plenty moisture in spring. Cool drier but

not sunbaked summer rest

Availability Specialist bulb suppliers

A mountain plant with a widespread distribution from the Pyrenees in the South through the Alps to Czechoslovakia. Generally smaller flowered than Crocus vernus vernus, it occupies a different habitat where the two subspecies do occur in close localities, often seen flowering as the snow melts in spring or summer. (I have seen this species in flower in the Alps in late June)





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