Crocus rujanensis

Crocus rujanensis  Randjel. & D.A.Hill  

A plant close to Crocus sieberi ssp atticus with large, lilac flowers with a yellow throat.

Flowering Time  Spring

Distribution  Turkey (E Taurus mountains)

Native Climate  Mediterranean

Wild Habitat  Light woodland, shrubland and adjacent fields

Distinctive Features  Flowers shades of lilac, exterior of outer petals silvery of buff coloured.

Corm tunic membranous splitting at base

Closest Relatives  Crocus adanensis

Cultivation Requirements  Cool moist growing season. Dryish but not arid summer rest.

Availability  Specialist seed lists

Distinguished by its a yellow throat from Crocus adanensis which has a white throat.*

*It seems possible that these very similar species have already become muddled in cultivation although only relatively recently described. It is also possible that a future revision of the genus will recognise a closer link than that of the current taxonomic situation.

Pictures Jānis Rukšāns  Ex Jim Archibald  
İbrahim Sözen pictures very beautiful, paler flowers:
http://crocusmania.blogspot.co.uk/search/label/rujanensis