

Crocus biflorus melantherus

Flowering Time	Autumn
Distribution	S Greece
Native Climate	Mediterranean
Wild Habitat	Short turf, hillsides over limestone
Distinctive Features	White flowers marked with purple or grey, blackish anthers
Closest Relatives	Crocus biflorus creweji ; Crocus biflorus biflorus
Cultivation Requirements	Warm dry summer rest, winter protection advised in northern gardens
Availability	Specialist bulb suppliers, occasionally specialist seed lists

Crocus biflorus melantherus, one of only two autumn flowering subspecies of the variable biflorus group, illustrating the black anthers which give the species its name.

