Crocus biflorus pulchricolor

Flowering Time Spring (can be as late as July in the wild)

Distribution N W Turkey

Native Climate Cold winters with snow cover. Short mountain summer

Wild Habitat Damp alpine turf. Flowers soon after snow melts

Distinctive Features Flowers deep violet/blue, unstriped. Membranous corm

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Closest Relatives Often masquerades as <u>Crocus aerius</u> in cultivation Cultivation Requirements Plenty of moisture in spring growth. Cool dry summer

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Availability Specialist bulb suppliers

A very attractive plant which has its fairly limited distribution in an alpine/subalpine habitat. This incurs considerably higher rainfall than most other subspecies of Crocus biflorus which mostly occupy drier lower areas with Mediterranean type climate.





Crocus biflorus seed – actual size of seeds c2mm long

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