

Crocus boryi

Flowering Time	Autumn
Distribution	W and S Greece; Crete
Native Climate	Mediterranean
Wild Habitat	Dry, stony or sandy places, grass/scrub
Distinctive Features	Large creamy white flower, prominent many branched orange style. Papery corm tunic
Closest Relatives	Crocus tournefortii ; Crocus laevigatus
Cultivation Requirements	Winter protection, dry warm summer rest
Availability	Widely available from specialist bulb suppliers

Crocus boryi, *Crocus tournefortii* and *Crocus laevigatus* form a group of three fairly distinctive species. All have showy style branches and white anthers however they are not usually too difficult to tell apart. *Crocus laevigatus* commonly has smaller flowers with purple stripes and a tough eggshell like corm tunic. *Crocus tournefortii* is typically lilac flowered and the flowers remain open at night, a feature which is shared only by *Crocus cartwrightianus*.



