

CROCUS CHRYSANTHUS

Flowering Time	Spring
Distribution	Albania and Greece East through Macedonia, Bulgaria and Turkey
Native Climate	Mediterranean with montane influences
Wild Habitat	Short grassland, scrub and thin woods
Distinctive Features	Yellow flower sometimes marked with bronze/purple. Membranous or coriaceous corm tunic
Closest Relatives	Crocus biflorus group
Cultivation Requirements	Winter wet, summer dry
Availability	Specialist bulb suppliers, seed lists

Small bright yellow flowers in spring are very attractive. Closely related to *Crocus biflorus*, it might almost be considered as a yellow variant of that mostly blue/lilac flowered species group. Very variable, it commonly occupies drier habitats than *Crocus biflorus* although the two do occasionally overlap and where this happens intermediate hybrids have been encountered. These hybrids have been given the name *Crocus x bornmuelleri*, they are variable and can be very attractive.

Along with *Crocus biflorus* this species provides many of the so-called 'species' crocus that are widely (and cheaply) available in general commerce. Some of these plants are of hybrid origin.

