

Crocus hadriaticus hadriaticus

Flowering Time	Autumn
Distribution	W and S Greece
Native Climate	Mediterranean
Wild Habitat	Grassy places and thin scrub on stony slopes
Distinctive Features	White or pale lilac flower with yellow throat. Corm tunic fine netted fibres
Closest Relatives	Crocus hadriaticus parnassicus ; Crocus hadriaticus parnonicus ; Crocus thomasii ; Crocus cartwrightianus
Cultivation Requirements	Protection advised in areas with cool, wet summer or severe cold winter. Grown outside in southern UK gardens given a sunny spot and well drained soil
Availability	Widely available from specialist bulb suppliers

Although the flower colour only varies a little, there is a wide range of forms in cultivation. The best have well shaped white flowers of good substance. These often have a brownish stain on the lower part of the outside of the petals. There is a lilac form, which has a yellow throat and the name *Crocus hadriaticus* subspecies *hadriaticus* forma *lilacinus*. *Crocus hadriaticus parnonicus* has lilac flowers, which lack the yellow throat. *Crocus hadriaticus parnassicus* has pure white flowers, which lack the yellow throat.



