

Crocus hadriaticus parnassicus

Flowering Time	Autumn
Distribution	Greece (Mt Parnassos)
Native Climate	Mediterranean
Wild Habitat	Grassy places and thin scrub on stony slopes
Distinctive Features	White flower <i>without</i> yellow throat. Corm tunic fine netted fibres
Closest Relatives	Crocus hadriaticus hadriaticus ; 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	Specialist bulb suppliers

In essence a local variation which is similar to ssp hadriaticus except for the white throat in ssp parnassicus (yellow in ssp hadriaticus) For discussion of the different subspecies see [Crocus hadriaticus hadriaticus](#)

This plant can be confused with *Crocus cartwrightianus* white forms, a confusion that has been perpetuated in commerce. *Crocus hadriaticus* has a style which divides above the throat of the flower and is less than half as long as the petals while *Crocus cartwrightianus* has long style branches which arise, divided in the throat of the flower.



The lower picture may represent *Crocus cartwrightianus* with its long style branches.