Crocus imperati suaveloens

Flowering Time Winter and Early Spring

Distribution W Italy (Rome south to Terracina)

Native Climate Mediterranean

Wild Habitat Short turf and thin woodland

Distinctive Features Lilac flowers with outside of outer petals buff. Corm

tunic parallel fibres

Closest Relatives <u>Crocus versicolor</u>

Cultivation Requirements Well drained soil in sun. (Grown without protection in

UK gardens given these conditions)

Availability Some specialist bulb and seed suppliers

Differentiated from subspecies imperati by the absence of a <u>bracteole</u>. This subspecies usually has less well marked outer petals and can have a very sweet scent.



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