

Crocus kotschyanus kotschyanus

Flowering Time	Autumn
Distribution	C & S Turkey; NW Syria; Lebanon
Native Climate	Cold winter. Cool montane summer
Wild Habitat	Mountain meadows. Open places and thin scrub
Distinctive Features	Lilac flower with deep yellow blotches at the base of each petal. Corm tunic thin, membranous
Closest Relatives	Crocus kotschyanus cappadocicus ; Crocus kotschyanus hakkariensis ; Crocus kotschyanus suworowianus ;
Cultivation Requirements	Does not need complete drying in summer. (Grown outside in UK gardens)
Availability	Widely available from specialist bulb suppliers

Variable in depth of flower colour and size of flower, this is not a difficult plant in cultivation. Given optimum conditions it can increase quickly by the production of 'rice grain' cormlets. (See illustration below.) It is also readily raised from seed, which is readily produced in cultivation.



