

Crocus reticulatus reticulatus

Flowering Time	Spring
Distribution	NE Italy; Croatia; Serbia; Macedonia; Bulgaria; Hungary; Romania; Crimea; Caucasus; Turkey*
Native Climate	Mediterranean (Snow cover at higher locations in winter)
Wild Habitat	Dryish grassy or rocky slopes, thin woodland
Distinctive Features	Smallish flower, white or lilac, exterior of outer petals marked with 3 or 5 darker bands on a white, lilac or buff background. Corm tunic coarsely netted fibres
Closest Relatives	Crocus reticulatus hittiticus ; Crocus angustifolius
Cultivation Requirements	Cool moist winter, warm dry summer rest
Availability	Specialist bulb suppliers and seed lists

Despite its wide distribution this is a localised rather than abundant species. Not especially vigorous away from its native locations, and often rather starry in flower, it is not widely cultivated.





Crocus reticulatus seed – actual size c2mm diameter.