

Crocus serotinus salzmannii

Flowering Time	Autumn
Distribution	N Africa; S C & N Spain
Native Climate	Cool moist winter, warm, often very dry summer
Wild Habitat	Open places, grassy or rocky. In scrub and thin woodland
Distinctive Features	Flowers in shades of lilac or purple sometimes veined darker. Corm tunic membranous
Closest Relatives	Crocus serotinus clusii ; Crocus serotinus serotinus
Cultivation Requirements	Warm dry rest preferred
Availability	Specialist bulb suppliers

The three subspecies of *Crocus serotinus* are most easily distinguished by their corm tunic. Subspecies *serotinus* has coarsely netted fibres; subspecies *clusii* has finely netted fibres; subspecies *salzmannii* has a membranous tunic splitting into parallel fibres.

All three subspecies can make good garden plants in temperate areas. Those forms from drier native regions need a drier summer rest.



