

# Crocus serotinus clusii

Flowering Time	Autumn
Distribution	Portugal; NW Spain; SW Spain
Native Climate	Cool winter, warm drier summer
Wild Habitat	Open places, thin scrub or pinewoods
Distinctive Features	Flower in shades of lilac. Corm tunic finely netted fibres
Closest Relatives	<a href="#">Crocus serotinus serotinus</a> ; <a href="#">Crocus serotinus salzmannii</a>
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.

