

Crocus sieberi sublimis

Flowering Time	Spring
Distribution	Greece; Macedonia; S Albania; S Bulgaria
Native Climate	Montane Mediterranean (Winter snow cover)
Wild Habitat	Short mountain turf or open woodland
Distinctive Features	Flower lilac blue, sometimes with darker tips. May have a white zone between lilac petals and yellow throat. Corm tunic finely netted fibres
Closest Relatives	Crocus sieberi atticus Crocus sieberi nivalis Crocus sieberi sieberi
Cultivation Requirements	Tolerant of summer moisture in well drained soil
Availability	Widely available from specialist bulb suppliers. The cultivar 'Tricolor' is a selection of this subspecies now cheaply available from garden retail outlets

Distinguished from subspecies *atticus* and *nivalis* by the clear presence of hairs in the throat of the flower. Along with subspecies *sublimis* it is a plant of high mountains, often flowering near melting snow. Subspecies *atticus* and *sieberi* are plants of lower altitudes.





Seed raised *Crocus sieberi sublimis* showing some variation in flower colour.
