

Crocus speciosus xantholaimos

Flowering Time	Autumn
Distribution	N Turkey
Native Climate	Cold winter with snow. Warm drier summer
Wild Habitat	Woodland clearings
Distinctive Features	Flower lilac with darker veins, throat of flower yellow. Corm tunic membranous splitting into basal rings
Closest Relatives	Crocus speciosus ilgazensis Crocus speciosus xantholaimos Crocus pulchellus
Cultivation Requirements	Tolerant of garden conditions given some sun and avoiding waterlogging
Availability	Specialist bulb suppliers/seed lists

Often smaller but otherwise very similar to *Crocus speciosus speciosus*, excepting its yellow throated flower. Hybridises in cultivation with *Crocus pulchellus*, a range of intermediates being produced.



Coriaceous (eggshell like) corm tunics with basal rings.