

Crocus paschei

Crocus paschei Kerndorff *Herbertia* 49: 76 1993 publ. 1994.

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Flowering Time Spring

Distribution Turkey (E Taurus mountains)

Native Climate Mediterranean

Wild Habitat Light woodland, shrubland and adjacent fields

Distinctive Features Flowers shades of lilac, exterior of outer petals silvery or buff coloured.
Corm tunic membranous splitting at base

Closest Relatives *Crocus adanensis*

Cultivation Requirements Cool moist growing season. Dryish but not arid summer rest

Availability Specialist seed lists

Distinguished by its yellow throat from *Crocus adanensis* which has a white throat.*

*It seems possible that these very similar species have already become muddled in cultivation although only relatively recently described. It is also possible that a future revision of the genus will recognise a closer link than that of the current taxonomic situation.



From Jānis Rukšāns “In *Crocus paschei* throat is sometimes light but almost always yellow shaded (although I have few specimens with almost no yellow in throat, but then it isn't white, it is more grayish diffused on petals, without distinct border), leaves must be grass green.

In *Crocus adanensis* throat is white and well defined from segments (something starry but clearly bordered from lilac part), leaves grey-green, there are greater contrast between outer and inner petals and I never had problems to distinguish my samples (grown by me).

Of course - both are very close relatives by phylogeny.”



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Rimmer de Vries photos :

<http://www.srgc.net/forum/index.php?topic=10172.msg270108#msg270108>



C. paschei corms Tony Goode