

Crocus rujanensis

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A plant close to *Crocus sieberi* ssp *atticus* with large, lilac flowers with a yellow throat.

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 a 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.



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İbrahim Sözen pictures very beautiful, paler flowers :

<http://crocusmania.blogspot.co.uk/search/label/rujanensis>

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