

Crocus minutus

Crocus minutus Kernd. & Pasche described by Erich Pasche and Helmut Kerndorf in Stapfia 95: 3. 2011 It has dark markings at the base of the anthers and a white style. These are the features used to separate *Crocus minutus* from *Crocus danfordiae*.

In the view of Tony Goode – “this is a very fine distinction. Some taxonomists would consider these features as being within the natural variation of a species”.

Janis Ruksans writes : *Crocus minutus* - is closer to *Crocus danfordiae* but easy separable by its white stigma and black "beard" at anthers base. I collected it few years ago but didn't give attention to those two features regarding them only as variation in very variable C. danfordiae (at that time).

C. minutus and *danfordiae* are different genetically, too. After receiving of description of new taxa I checked all my notes and pictures of Crocuses labeled as danfordiae and only one stock from around 20 matched with description of minutus and just this one was collected approximately in place from where minutus comes. So I suppose that mine is true, although only genetic research could confirm this without any doubt. Really I don't like situation when determination of species is possible only in laboratory.”



Two photos from Jānis Rukšāns

Two photos from İbrahim Sözen

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