

# Byzantine crocus

*Crocus banaticus* Also known as: **Iris-flowered crocus**

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This description is for **Byzantine crocus** (*Crocus banaticus*):

A small deciduous perennial garden plant, *Crocus banaticus* offers all of the simple beauty that the crocus is famed for. Growing on a short pale green stem, its lilac flower looks large against the mid-green, strap-shaped leaves that follow it. Blooming in autumn, the flower has three large outer tepals and three smaller inner tepals, which open wide in full sun, revealing a golden-yellow throat. Known as the Byzantine crocus, it grows best in gritty and poorly fertile soil, but the location needs to be well-drained, as the plant dislikes wet. It is best suited to gravel beds and rockeries, but can be grown in containers indoors. No pruning is necessary.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> no	<b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral Alkaline	<b>Standard category</b> Flowers & bulbs Bulbs
<b>Height [m]</b> 0 - 0.1	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z4-8	<b>Grown for</b> Attractive Flowers
<b>Spread [m]</b> 0.1	<b>Heat zone</b> H8-1	<b>Creative category</b> Kid Approved Fine fragrants For Beginners Colours For birds & bees Author's choice

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<b>Dominant flower colour</b> Purple	<b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b> -34 - -7	<b>Garden type</b> Cottage garden Rock garden Coastal Containers City Gravel garden
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> Yes, let it smell	<b>Heat days</b> 0 - 120	<b>Garden spaces</b> Flower beds Borders
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Early autumn Mid autumn Late autumn	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained but frequently watered	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Green	<b>Soil type</b> sandy Clay chalky loams	<b>Time to reach full size</b> 2 to 5 years
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Green	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun Partial shade	
<b>Foliage in Autumn</b> Green	<b>Exposure</b> Exposed Sheltered	
<b>Awards?</b> Yes, let it smell		
<b>Propagation methods</b> seed offsets		
<b>Growth habit</b> Clump-forming		