

# wild Saffron

*Crocus cartwrightianus* Also known as: ***Crocus sativus var. cartwrightianus***

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This description is for *wild Saffron (Crocus cartwrightianus)*:

## An autumn flowering bulb. Now that is a bright idea.

*Crocus cartwrightianus* is a perennial flowering bulb. Often known as Wild saffron, *C. cartwrightianus* produces flowers in autumn and early winter, producing lilac coloured flowers that have deep purple veining for added appeal. Long red stigmas make flowers even more attractive. Wild saffron should be planted in a container and placed in a sunny spot. It prefers an equal mix of sand or grit and leaf mould if it is to grow well. Throughout the summer months it should be kept dry, before watering at the onset of autumn to encourage leaves and flowers to appear.



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| Plant                        | Environment                                     | Usage  |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Known dangers?</b><br>no  | <b>Acidity</b><br>Acidic<br>Neutral<br>Alkaline | <b>Standard category</b><br>Flowers & bulbs<br>Bulbs |
| <b>Height [m]</b><br>0 - 0.1 | <b>Hardiness zone</b><br>Z6-9                   | <b>Grown for</b><br>Attractive Flowers               |

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| <b>Spread [m]</b><br>0.1   | <b>Heat zone</b><br>H9-6                             | <b>Creative category</b><br>Kid Approved<br>Fine fragrants<br>For Beginners<br>Colours<br>For birds & bees<br>Author's choice |
| <b>Dominant flower colour</b><br>Purple  | <b>Winter temperatures [°C]</b><br>-23 - -1          | <b>Garden type</b><br>Cottage garden<br>Rock garden<br>Coastal<br>Containers<br>City<br>Gravel garden                         |
| <b>Flower Fragrance</b><br>Yes, let it smell   | <b>Heat days</b><br>45 - 150                         | <b>Garden spaces</b><br>Flower beds<br>Borders  |
| <b>Flowering seasons</b><br>Mid winter<br>Late winter<br>Early autumn<br>Mid autumn<br>Late autumn<br>Early winter | <b>Moisture</b><br>well-drained                      | <b>Gardening expertise</b><br>beginner  |
| <b>Foliage in Autumn</b><br>Green  | <b>Soil type</b><br>sandy<br>Clay<br>chalky<br>loams | <b>Time to reach full size</b><br>2 to 5 years  |
| <b>Foliage in winter</b><br>Green  | <b>Sun requirements</b><br>Full sun                  |   |
| <b>Awards?</b><br>Yes, let it smell  | <b>Exposure</b><br>Exposed<br>Sheltered              |   |
| <b>Propagation methods</b><br>seed<br>offsets  |  |   |
| <b>Growth habit</b><br>Clump-forming<br>Erect  |  |   |