PLANT FACT SHEET

Crocus cancellatus Herbert

GENUS *Crocus* **FAMILY** Iridaceae

COMMON NAMES Cross-barred crocus

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Corm

The bulb is eaten as a vegetable, after boiling and grilling. It is peeled.
The soft seeds are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A low plant with a corm. It keeps growing from year to year. There are 4-5 leaves and these are grey-green. They are 1-2 mm wide. The leaves are absent at flowering time. The flowers are white to deep lilac-blue. The throat is pale yellow and there can be purple veins on the outside. The flower styles are divided into many pale orange branches.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean climate plant. It grows in rocky and stony places.

NOTES

There are about 85 Crocus species.

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