

Historic, Archive Document

Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.

Autumn-Flowering

CROCUSES

U. S. Department of Agriculture

PLANT LATE AUGUST-SEPTEMBER FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER FLOWERING



CROCUS SALZMANNI and ZONATUS

ONE of the most entrancing and inspiring sights that one can see when traveling through the Engadine and Bernese Alps in Switzerland in late August and September is the landscape on the mountain sides, dotted with picturesque farmhouses and covered in many places with thousands upon thousands of the Autumn-Flowering Crocuses bravely unfolding their softly colored petals and showing their lovely, often gaily colored hearts, fearless of the oncoming winter.

The great pleasure of having quantities of these lovely flowers in our gardens, in the lawn, rockery, along the bank or

*"Like Lilac flame its color glows,
Tender and yet so clearly bright,
That all for miles and miles about
The splendid meadow shineth out,
And far off village children shout
To see the welcome sight."*

—MRS. HOWITT.

driveway or in forgotten corners, in great variety, flowering there through September into October, and some varieties even flowering until severe frost puts an end to all this gaiety, is easily within your grasp. They are also very attractive grown indoors in pots.

These Crocuses grow very successfully in ordinary soils, but for the rarer species we recommend adding a small quantity of well-decayed leafmold to the soil, surrounding the bulbs at the same time with a little sharp sand. They are also thankful for a little, but not too rich, mulching.

AUTUMN-FLOWERING CROCUSES

Finest Varieties • All Perfectly Hardy

ASTURICUS. A very showy species from the Asturia Mountains; flowers pale mauve to purple-lilac with darker stripes at base.

\$2.25 for 10; \$20.00 per 100

IRIDIFLORUS (*Byzantinus*). A native of Hungary, Western Transylvania, and the Banat; large rich purple outer segments, inner segments pale lilac, much branched; lilac anthers, very distinct and handsome.

\$2.25 for 10; \$20.00 per 100

LONGIFLORUS MELITENSIS. Soft lilac feathered deep yellow at base; anthers yellow; stigmata orange-red. Violet scented.

\$3.50 for 10; \$32.50 per 100

MEDIUS. A fine species from the neighborhood of Mentone and Spezzia; flowers lovely rich violet, with handsome purple veining at base; stigmata rich glowing orange-red, one of the handsomest of the Autumn-flowering species.

\$2.25 for 10; \$20.00 per 100

NUDIFLORUS. Flowers rich clear purple; a native of the Asturia Mountains, the Pyrénées, Landes and Cervennes, etc., and at one time naturalized in the Midland counties of England.

\$1.05 for 10; \$8.00 per 100

PULCHELLUS. Lavender-blue with white anthers and orange-spotted throat; a lovely species found grow-



CROCUSES IN THEIR NATIVE HABITAT IN THE SWISS ALPS

ing in the heathy thickets bordering the Bosphorus.

\$1.75 for 10; \$15.00 per 100

SALZMANNI. A native of Tangier; lilac, dark feathered, delighting in a moist soil.

\$1.05 for 10; \$8.00 per 100

SATIVUS. (*The Saffron Crocus*). Habitat Italy to Kurdistan; large flowers, purplish lilac, feathered violet, with showy orange stigmata, slightly scented. Flowering freely when established.

\$1.70 for 10; \$4.50 per 100

SPECIOSUS. Bright violet-blue, prettily veined, having orange-red anthers and light yellow throat large, handsome and showy; one of the best for naturalizing in grass and massing in borders or in rock-work.

\$.55 for 10; \$3.00 per 100

SPECIOSUS AITCHISONII. Long handsome flowers, with sharp tapering petals, lavender, prettily feathered a darker shade and with silvery flush on outer petals. Very late.

\$.75 for 10; \$5.00 per 100

SPECIOSUS ALBUS. A very fine white-flowered variety.

\$1.45 for 10; \$12.00 per 100

SPECIOSUS ARTABIR. A beautiful variety with large pale blue flowers and dark veinings.

\$.60 for 10; \$3.50 per 100

SPECIOSUS GLOBOSUS. Very late dark blue.

\$.65 for 10; \$4.00 per 100

SPECIOSUS POLLUX. Pale violet-blue exterior shaded silvery white. Very large flowers. A beautiful new introduction.

\$.70 for 10; \$4.50 per 100

ZONATUS. Rose-lilac, yellow center and orange zone; ethereal in its lovely coloring.

\$.55 for 10; \$3.00 per 100

FINE VARIETIES—All Mixed. \$3.00 per hundred; \$25.00 per thousand

PLEASE ORDER AT ONCE

Please send orders today (use enclosed postal card); shipments will go forward late August and early September; the bulbs should be planted im-

mediately on arrival. These gems will flower within two or three weeks after planting, blossoming luxuriantly from year to year in increasing number.

John Scheepers, Inc.

522 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

SPECIALISTS IN HIGHEST QUALITY FLOWER BULBS FOR OVER A QUARTER OF A CENTURY

MAIN OFFICES AND EXHIBITION GARDENS AT BROOKVILLE, LONG ISLAND

Numerous Gold Medals and other Highest Awards for Excellence of Material and for Merit, including The President Coolidge Gold Medal for Highest Achievement, the Gold Medal of the Garden Club of America, and the Gold Medal awarded by Her Majesty, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands

Postage
Will be Paid
by
Addressee

No
Postage Stamp
Necessary
If Mailed in the
United States

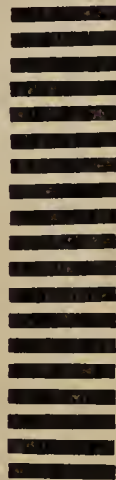
BUSINESS REPLY CARD

FIRST CLASS PERMIT NO. 5892, SEC. 510, P. L. & R., NEW YORK, N. Y.

JOHN SCHEEPERS, Inc.

522 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N. Y.



JOHN SCHEEPERS, INC.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Date.....

Gentlemen:

Please ship me the following AUTUMN
FLOWERING CROCUS:

<i>Quantity</i>	10	100
..... <i>Asturicus</i>	\$2.25	\$20.00
..... <i>Iridiflorus</i>	2.25	20.00
..... <i>Longiflorus Melitensis</i> ..	3.50	32.50
..... <i>Medius</i>	2.25	20.00
..... <i>Nudiflorus</i>	1.05	8.00
..... <i>Pulchellus</i>	1.75	15.00
..... <i>Salzmanni</i>	1.05	8.00
..... <i>Sativus</i> .....	.70	4.50
..... <i>Speciosus</i> .....	.55	3.00
..... <i>Speciosus Aitchisonii</i>.....	.75	5.00
..... <i>Speciosus Albus</i>	1.45	12.00
..... <i>Speciosus Artabir</i> .....	.60	3.50
..... <i>Speciosus Globosus</i> .....	.65	4.00
..... <i>Speciosus Pollux</i> .....	.70	4.50
..... <i>Zonatus</i> .....	.55	3.00
	100	1000
.....Mixed	3.00	25.00

Name

Supt. or Gardener.....

Street

City..... *State*.....