

Crocus sativus

Crocus sativus, commonly known as **saffron crocus**, is a species of flowering plant of the *Crocus* genus in the Iridaceae family. It is best known for the spice saffron, which is produced from parts of the plant's flowers.

The cormous autumn-flowering perennial plant species is unknown in the wild. Human cultivation of saffron crocus and use of saffron spans more than 3,500 years and spans different cultures, continents, and civilizations, see history of saffron.

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