

Spring Crocus, Snow Crocus *Crocus vernus*, *Crocus chrysanthus*



Bloom: Feb. - March

“Crocuses flower about Valentine’s Day, just when we need a reminder that winter is over and we really do love one another after all” (Wells, 49).

Plant History and Habits

“*Krokos* was the Greek name for the autumn-flowering saffron crocus, which has been cultivated from antiquity, but which hardly anyone grows today... Crocus roots, or corms, are actually thickened stalks, and these were brought over to America by settlers. Mice and rats love them, but a few must have arrived safely and come up in cheerful clusters around cabin doors after the first grueling winters. Squirrels dig them up too, and birds love to peck the petals off...though they are fonder of the yellow ones” (Wells, 49-50).



Origins

Native to the Mediterranean region.

Look for it...

Crocuses are scattered above the William Andrew Wood Garden and along the John Clayton Trail.

