

Dear fellow-Croconuts,

this is the request for the "UK-branch" of the Crocus Seed-exchange.

I'd like to start with a big thank you to all donors. Please don't hesitate to send in small amounts of seeds, even a couple of seeds can make someone else very happy! Also, seeds of more common species and cultivars are more than welcome, since they are especially good for starting croconuts and people who want to sow them directly in the garden to get a more naturalised look.

Tony Goode will again conduct the seed exchange for UK members this year. Viability will very much depend on the level of donations received. In the years before Brexit many more UK members have been recipients than have been donors, the implications of this are that we will not be able to offer the same quantities of seed to applicants as in the past and it is likely that as well as priority, donors will receive a greater number of packets as is the case with AGS and SRGC schemes.

As a starting point please could UK donors send seed and/or corms to: Tony Goode. **23 Cantref, Tywyn. LL36 0BW**

The structure of the distribution will be decided by the quantity of seed received.

Tony would welcome offers of help with implementing the distribution. email him at crocusgroup@hotmail.co.uk

Here's the rundown: like in the previous year's it's the aim of the seed exchange to get *Crocus* seed to members as close as possible to the correct time for them to be sown during the higher temperatures of late summer for optimal germination. *Crocus* seed has been shown to germinate best if sown during the higher temperatures of late summer before the lower temperatures of autumn and winter initiate germination. The best time for sowing is therefore at the same time as nature does it in the wild, when the ripe seed is expelled from the mature seedpod in late spring to early summer. For that reason, we normally ask members to send seed as soon as possible after they have collected it, and in any case **before the 15th of August.**

During the last weeks of August, we'll compose the list and e-mail it to members who have requested it (Donors who are members will receive the list automatically). Your **request for the seedlist** should reach me before **the 15th of August as well.** See e-mail address below.

Donors will be allowed to choose from the list first and non-donors will also be able to make a choice from the list and we will take into account what they ask for as well. **Orders** should reach me by e-mail before **the 15th of September.** We will try to send all orders out before the end of September. Seeds should be sown immediately and left exposed to the weather until they germinate, after which they may be brought under cover.

Price for ordering seeds will be decided by Tony.

Requests for the seedlist should be e-mailed (before the 15th of August) to: crocusgroup@hotmail.co.uk

With the kindest regards

Wim (responsible for the Crocus Group Seed-Exchange in the EU and the rest of the world)

Regarding the Nagoya Protocol:

The reputation of the Crocus Group is at risk if we offer seed that has been collected illegally, or that does not have permission for distribution. This could do harm to future attempts to people who want to collect legitimately. The Crocus Group is not able to check every seed submission, so please do not submit seed that would put our reputation at risk. Please also retain documentation giving any relevant permission for as long as possible!