Eastern Star Crocus Tulip

Tulipa humilis 'Eastern Star'



Eastern Star Crocus Tulip flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 3 inches

Flower Height: 4 inches

Spread: 6 inches

Spacing: 4 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Ground Tulip

Description:

A stunning low growing ground tulip that is great for low edging; beautiful rose-lilac blooms are accented with bright yellow contrasting centers; makes a real visual impact when massed together in groups

Ornamental Features

Eastern Star Crocus Tulip features dainty lilac purple star-shaped flowers with yellow centers at the ends of the stems in early spring. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its grassy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Eastern Star Crocus Tulip is an herbaceous perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Eastern Star Crocus Tulip is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use

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Planting & Growing

Eastern Star Crocus Tulip will grow to be only 3 inches tall at maturity extending to 4 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 6 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 4 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen! As this plant tends to go dormant in summer, it is best interplanted with late-season bloomers to hide the dying foliage.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by multiplication of the underground bulbs; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.