



More Burning Questions about Saffron Production

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What does emerging saffron shoots look like?

Those who have never grown saffron before may confuse the emerging saffron shoots with weeds. Below are images of these young shoots so you don't pull up the saffron by mistake. Sometimes the flowers emerge first, and other times the green spikey leaves are first. The green leaves look very much like a grass seedling.



Figure 1. Images of saffron sprouts. Note the whitish sprouts that then turn green and the green leaves with a white sheath at the base.



Figure 2. Rooted corm showing white tip of the shoot and the roots at the bottom.

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