Hello Colleagues,

Very early in the year, it was half January 2014, we where walking in the Sierra Subbeticas, in south Spain, the heart of Andalusia, close by the more well know Sierra Nevada ... It is the moment of the year, we as Perennial plant growers, as work is quit in this period, always have an eye on the weather rapport, will the winter start this year? will it be strong, will it last long? ....

In the end it didn't start at all this year...

At an altitude of 900 metres , I was surprised to find so early , a wild flowering Iris planifolia , very tiny , only 10 cm , in misty and cold conditions (it was between 0 -5  $^{\circ}$ ) .....



nice regards from Jo & Marie-Paule Bogaerts

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