

Erysimum pulchellum

E. pulchellum (syn. *E. rupestre*) is an alpine species from the Balkans and Caucasus, commonly known as the Rock Wallflower. It was first described by J. Gay in 1842.



E. pulchellum is an evergreen, perennial alpine with a mat-forming habit, which grows to about 10cm tall and can extend to 40 or 50cm across. The leaves are mid-green and lightly serrated. The flowers are a strong, buttercup yellow and are held above the foliage in short racemes.

Unlike some of the other alpine species, *E. pulchellum* seems able to withstand the cold and wet of a British winter quite well. It therefore makes a good perennial rockery plant and is readily available from specialist alpine nurseries.