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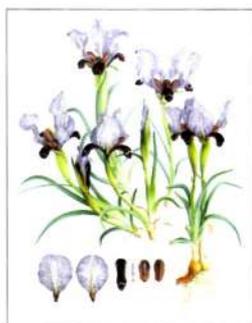


BEAUTY IN THE WILDERNESS

ON THE SACRED MOUNTAIN OF MITHRAS WITH DON McCULLIN
RIDING IN THE TIEN SHAN

THE GLORY OF TURKISH FLOWERS IN WATERCOLOUR

PHOTOGRAPHY, CARPETS, CALLIGRAPHY, BOOKS, SCULPTURE, JAZZ, COOKERY, TRAVELS GALORE



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A watercolour of *Iris paradoxa* subsp. *choschab* by Işık Güner (see the preparatory drawing on page 83, fig 8). While *Iris paradoxa* is widespread in Transcaucasia, this remarkable subspecies, with its blue-veined white standards, is found only near Hoşap in southeast Turkey. *Iris paradoxa* is remarkable because, unlike other irises, its falls are stiff and covered with black velvet to imitate the female carpenter bee and attract the male that will pollinate it.

IŞIK GÜNER is an acclaimed botanical artist who has painted plants from South America to China. With 92 other botanical artists and 136 botanists, she is currently creating an ambitious new flora of Turkey (see page 72).

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