

Checklist of British Orchids

This list contains all the orchid species that are established in the wild in the British Isles, plus a few that have not been seen here for several years. Sub-species and varieties are not listed. The nomenclature follows the latest proposals of Prof R M Bateman and colleagues. In recent years the use of DNA analysis techniques has clarified the evolutionary relationships of many orchid species, resulting in several reassignments of species to genera. Where a change of genus has been proposed, the previous generic name is given in brackets, e.g. *Anacamptis (Orchis) morio*. More detailed information is given in the HOS Newsletter, No. 10, October 1998.

Specially protected species listed in Schedule 8 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act are indicated by an Asterisk “*”.

* <i>Cypripedium calceolus</i>	Lady’s-slipper Orchid
* <i>Cephalanthera rubra</i>	Red Helleborine
<i>C. longifolia</i>	Narrow-leaved Helleborine
<i>C. damasonium</i>	White Helleborine
<i>Neottia (Listera) cordata</i>	Lesser Twayblade
<i>N. (Listera) ovata</i>	Common Twayblade
<i>N. nidus-avis</i>	Bird’s-nest Orchid
<i>Epipactis palustris</i>	Marsh Helleborine
<i>E. atrorubens</i>	Dark-red Helleborine
<i>E. helleborine</i>	Broad-leaved Helleborine (inc. * <i>E. youngiana</i>)
<i>E. purpurata</i>	Violet Helleborine
<i>E. leptochila</i>	Narrow-lipped Helleborine
<i>E. dunensis</i>	Dune Helleborine
<i>E. sancta</i>	Lindisfarne Helleborine
<i>E. phyllanthes</i>	Green-flowered Helleborine
* <i>Epipogium aphyllum</i>	Ghost Orchid
* <i>Liparis loeselii</i>	Fen Orchid (inc. <i>L. ovata</i>)
<i>Hammarbya paludosa</i>	Bog Orchid
<i>Corallorhiza trifida</i>	Coralroot Orchid
<i>Goodyera repens</i>	Creeping Lady’s-tresses
<i>Spiranthes romanzoffiana</i>	Irish Lady’s-tresses
<i>S. spiralis</i>	Autumn Lady’s-tresses
<i>S. aestivalis</i>	Summer Lady’s-tresses (extinct in British Isles)
<i>Herminium monorchis</i>	Musk Orchid
<i>Orchis (Aceras) anthropophora</i>	Man Orchid
* <i>O. simia</i>	Monkey Orchid
* <i>O. militaris</i>	Military Orchid
<i>O. purpurea</i>	Lady Orchid
<i>O. mascula</i>	Early-purple Orchid

<i>Pseudorchis albida</i>	Small-white Orchid
<i>Platanthera bifolia</i>	Lesser Butterfly-orchid
<i>P. chlorantha</i>	Greater Butterfly-orchid
<i>Gymnadenia conopsea</i>	Chalk Fragrant-orchid
<i>G. borealis</i>	Heath Fragrant-orchid
<i>G. densiflora</i>	Marsh Fragrant-orchid
<i>Dactylorhiza incarnata</i>	Early Marsh-orchid (inc. <i>D. cruenta</i>)
<i>D. (Coeloglossum) viridis</i>	Frog Orchid
<i>D. fuchsii</i>	Common Spotted-orchid
<i>D. maculata</i>	Heath Spotted-orchid
<i>D. praetermissa</i>	Southern Marsh-orchid (inc. <i>D. junialis</i>)
<i>D. traunsteinerioides</i>	Pugsley's Marsh-orchid (inc. * <i>D. lapponica</i>)
<i>D. ebudensis</i>	Hebridean Marsh-orchid
<i>D. purpurella</i>	Northern Marsh-orchid (inc. <i>D. cambrensis</i> = <i>majaliformis</i>)
<i>D. occidentalis</i>	Irish Marsh-orchid (inc. <i>D. kerryensis</i>)
<i>Neotinea maculata</i>	Dense-flowered Orchid (Eire only)
<i>N. (Orchis) ustulata</i>	Burnt Orchid (inc. <i>N. aestivalis</i>)
* <i>Himantoglossum hircinum</i>	Lizard Orchid
<i>Anacamptis (Orchis) laxiflora</i>	Loose-flowered Orchid (Channel Isles only)
<i>A. pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid
<i>A. (Orchis) morio</i>	Green-winged Orchid
<i>Serapias parviflora</i>	Lesser Tongue-orchid (questionably native)
<i>S. lingua</i>	Greater Tongue-orchid (Channel Isles only)
<i>Ophrys insectifera</i>	Fly Orchid
<i>O. apifera</i>	Bee Orchid
* <i>O. fuciflora</i>	Late Spider-orchid
* <i>O. sphegodes</i>	Early Spider-orchid