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Orchid list

Crossbill Guide to Eastern Rhodopes - Bulgaria / Greece

Scientific name	English name	habitat	distribution	frequency*	routes**
Anacamptis coriophora	Bug Orchid	acidic damp fields	unknown	unknown	c(174)
Anacamptis fragrans	Fragrant Bug Orchid	dry fields	unknown	unknown	13
Anacamptis laxiflora	Loose-flowered Orchid	meadows	local	common	6, 18(?), a(158)
Anacamptis morio	Green-winged Orchid	fields	local mntns	common	4, 7, c(174)
Anacamptis papilionacea	Pink Butterfly Orchid	fields, roadsides	wsprd	common	5, 7, 9, 10, 13, a,b,c(173-174)
Cephalanthera damasonium	White Helleborine	wood	unknown	uncommon?	c(174)
Cephalanthera epipactoides	Spurred Helleborine	wood, scrub	east	frequent	18, c(174)
Cephalanthera longifolia	Narrow-leaved Helleborine	wood	wsprd	uncommon	18, b, c(173-174)
Cephalanthera rubra	Red Helleborine	wood	unknown	rare?	18
Dactylorhiza romana	Roman Orchid	woodland	local	uncommon	7, 17
Dactylorhiza sambucina	Elder-flowered Orchid	mountain pasture	very local	frequent	8
Gymnadenia conopsea	Fragrant Orchid	calc. pasture	local	very rare	b(173)
Himantoglossum caprinum	Balkan Lizard Orchid	rich fields	scattered	rare	10, b-c(173-174)
Limodorum abortivum	Violet Bird's-nest	(pine)wood	wsprd	rare	18 b(173), a(211)
Neottia nidus-avis	Bird's-nest Orchid	beech/ horn-beam wood	wsprd	uncommon?	7
Neotinea tridentata	Three-toothed Orchid	calc. pasture	local	frequent	9, 11, 13
Neotinea ustulata	Burnt Orchid	rich fields	very local	very rare	17
Ophrys cornuta	Horned Woodcock Orchid	calc scrub, roadsides	wsprd	uncommon	10, 11, 18, c,d(138-139), b-c(173-174)
Ophrys mammosa	Mammose Orchid	calc scrub, roadsides	wsprd Greece	frequent	10, 11, 13, 18, b-c(173-174), d,e,f(212-213)
Orchis italica	Naked Man Orchid	calc scrub	local	rare	11
Orchis mascula	Early-purple Orchid	woodland	wsprd	frequent	7, ??
Orchis pinetorum	Eastern Early-purple Orchid	woodland	east***	frequent***	d(212)

* the frequency mentioned is the frequency within its distribution range. For example, D. sambucina is found in a very small area, but is fairly common within this area.

** the letters refer to sites, the page number is given in brackets.

*** because of confusion with O. mascula, distribution range not exactly clear.



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<i>Orchis provincialis</i>	Provence Orchid	mature wood	very local	uncommon	b(164)
<i>Orchis punctulata</i>	Small-dotted Orchid	scrub	Dadia	very rare	-
<i>Orchis purpurea</i>	Lady Ochid	pasture, roadsides	wdsprd mntns	frequent	4, 7, c(174)
<i>Orchis pyramidalis</i>	Pyramidal Orchid	calc. pasture	unknown	rare?	18, c(174)
<i>Orchis quadripunctata</i>	Four-spotted Orchid	calc. scrub	local	rare	11
<i>Orchis simia</i>	Monkey Orchid	calc scrub, roadsides	wdsprd?	uncommon?	6
<i>Platanthera bifolia</i>	Lesser Butterfly Orchid		very local?	very rare?	b(173)
<i>Serapias vomeracea</i>	Long-lipped Tongue Orchid	calc. pastures	local	frequent	10, 13, 18

Unknowns

The Greek part of the region covered in this guidebook just juts out into the Mediterranean realm, which has a good number of orchid species that are not present further north. Many of these species have not been found by us, or in areas just outside the region, or they have been found by others and not been confirmed by us. Hence, there are still quite a few 'unknowns'. The following species are found nearby and perhaps even inside our area:

Dactylorhiza pauciflora: found at Kerkini

Epipactis atrorubens: widespread in Western Rhodopes

Epipactis helleborine: widespread in Western Rhodopes

Spiranthes spiralis: widespread in Western Rhodopes

Ophrys apifera: widespread in Western Rhodopes

Barlia robertiana: apparently occurs in Evros

Serapias bergonii: widespread in western Greece and sometimes difficult to tell apart from *S. vomeracea*.

Might very well occur in the area.

Abbreviations

wdsprd = widespread

calc. = calcareous, limestone

mntns = mountains

For further information on orchids in Greece, check www.greekorchids.gr