PLANT FACT SHEET

Ophrys lutea Cav.

GENUS *Ophrys* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

COMMON NAMES Yellow bee orchid, Yellow ophrys

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Bulb

DESCRIPTION

A low ground orchid. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 30 cm tall. It can be only 5-6 cm tall. The leaves near the base are oval and pointed. The leaves on the stem are more narrow. The flower spike has 2-7 flowers. The sepals are green and the petals can be green or yellow. The petals are about half the length of the sepals. The lip is 12-18 mm long. It has 3 lobes and a broad flat yellow edge.

HABITAT

It grows in grassy and rocky places. In the Mediterranean it can grow from the lowlands to the mountains.

NOTES

There are about 140 Ophrys species.

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