PLANT FACT SHEET

Orthoceras strictum R.Br.

GENUS *Orthoceras* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

COMMON NAMES Horned orchid, Bird's mouth orchid

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers, Root

DESCRIPTION

A ground orchid. It grows 30-60 cm high. There are 2-5 leaves. These are narrow, like threads. They are 15-30 cm long by 2-3 mm wide. They occur in a tuft near the base. They are bright green and have a channel. The flowering stalk is 60 cm tall. It is stiff and bears 1-9 flowers. The flowers are 1 cm across and yellowish-green or dark brown.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in button grass and sedgy heathland. It is often on poorly drained soils. It can survive fires.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In cultivation plants normally loose their vigour over 3-4 years then die.

NOTES

There are about 4 Orthoceras species.

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