PLANT FACT SHEET

Ophrys bombyliflora Link.

GENUS *Ophrys* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

COMMON NAMES Bumble bee orchid

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Bulb

DESCRIPTION

A low ground orchid. It can be 25 cm tall. The leaves at the base are oblong or sword shaped. They form a flat ring. The leaves on the stem are erect and partly clasp the stalk. The flower spike has 2-5 flowers. The sepals are green and the petals are green with a purple base. The petals are triangle shaped and one third the length of the sepals. The lip is small and 7-8 mm long. They have 3 lobes. The middle lobe has a tooth at the end.

HABITAT

It grows in grassy and stony habitats.

NOTES

There are about 140 Ophrys species.

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