PLANT FACT SHEET

Dactylorhiza incarnata (L.) Soó

GENUS *Dactylorhiza* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

COMMON NAMES Early marsh orchid

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root

DESCRIPTION

An orchid. The stem is 60 cm long. It has 5-7 sword shaped leaves which do not have spots. The apex forms a hood. The flowers are relatively small. They are about 12 mm across. They occur densely on the flower stalk. There can be 50 flowers on a stalk. The lips have slightly folded back edges.

HABITAT

It grows in damp, wet grasslands. It suits areas with alkaline soils. It is resistant to frost but damaged by drought. It suits hardiness zones 5-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by division.

NOTES

There are 33 Dactylorhiza species.

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