PLANT FACT SHEET

Chiloglottis trapeziformis Fitzg.

GENUS *Chiloglottis* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

COMMON NAMES Dainty bird orchid, Broad-lipped Bird Orchid

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber, Root

DESCRIPTION

A small orchid. It keeps growing from year to year but dies back in winter. It grows 8-12 cm high. There is one pair of leaves near the base. The leaves are oval to sword shaped. They are 5-8 cm long by 1.5-2.5 cm wide. There is a single flower on the end of the stem. The flowers are brownish green.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows on coastal scrub on soils rich in humus. It also grow in shady damp forest. It does best in rich, moist, well-drained soils in a protected shady position.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by dividing the clump.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is easy to grow and multiplies easily.

NOTES

There are about 8-30 Chiloglottis species in New Zealand and Australia.

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