PLANT FACT SHEET

Ophrys tenthredinifera Willd.

GENUS *Ophrys* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

COMMON NAMES Sawfly orchid

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root, Bulb

DESCRIPTION

A ground orchid. Plants can be 10-45 cm high. The leaves at the base are oval or sword shaped. The stem leaves are more narrow. The flower cluster is loose with 3-8 flowers. Each flower is about 2.5 cm wide. The lip looks like a wasp. It is 11-14 mm long and purplish-brown with a broad yellow edge.

HABITAT

It grows in grassy and stony wasteland. It is often on slightly acidic soils. It grows from sea level to 1200 m altitude.

NOTES

There are about 140 Ophrys species.

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