PLANT FACT SHEET

Ophrys bertolonii Moretti.

GENUS *Ophrys* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

COMMON NAMES Bertoloni's bee orchid

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Root

DESCRIPTION

A ground orchid. It can be 45 cm high and keeps growing from year to year. The leaves at the base are sword shaped and pointed. They are bluish-green. The leaves on the stem are smaller. The flower spike has 3-8 flowers. The sepals are pink or purple with 3 green veins. The petals are pink or purple with a hairy edge. The lip is 10-15 mm long and velvety black. It has a small greenish tip. The speculum is shield shaped.

HABITAT

It grows in dry stony and grassy places.

NOTES

There are about 140 Ophrys species.

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