

# Bee Orchid

*Ophrys apifera* Huds.

## DESCRIPTION

A perennial herbaceous plant with an insect - like labellum, ovate-lanceolate leaves, three purple sepals

## HABITAT

Semi - dry turf, on limestone, in grassland, in woodland, calciphilous

## DISTRIBUTION

From Portugal to the Caucasus, common in the Mediterranean region



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## DANGER

Inappropriate maintenance (mowing of roadsides during the growing season, mowing before seeding), Habitat destruction (construction activity), Inappropriate management (intensive grazing between May and July, grazing of small deposits).

## PROTECTION

CITES Washington Convention - Annex II,

EU regulation of trade of fauna and flora - Annex B.

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