

Black vanilla Orchid

Nigritella nigra Rchb. f.

DESCRIPTION

Tuberous geophyte, perianth brown red, intensely scented with vanilla

HABITAT

Calcareous grassland, lean mowing meadows

DISTRIBUTION

Central and southern European mountains from northern Spain to the Balkan Peninsula



DANGER

Endangered by fallow meadows

PROTECTION

CITES Washington Convention - Annex II,

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

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