

Frog orchid

Dactylorhiza viridis (L.) R.M.Bateman, Pridgeon & M.W.Chase

DESCRIPTION

The tiny frog orchid is difficult to spot in between the grasses and other meadow plants. The greenish tint of its flowers melt in with the surrounding vegetation.

HABITAT

Short-grassed, nutrient-poor meadows (e.g. false oatgrass meadows), dry grasslands and sparse forests.

DISTRIBUTION

Temperate regions of the northern hemisphere.

THREATS

Meadows becoming matted and overgrown due to lack of or unsuitable management. Species that are weak competitors, such as the frog orchid, are overgrown. Agricultural intensification measures and grassland eutrophication.

PROTECTION

CITES Washington Convention – Annex II
IUCN Red List of Threatened Species – Least Concern
EU Wildlife Trade Regulation Annex B.

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