

Asclepius' spider orchid

Ophrys aesculapii Renz

DESCRIPTION

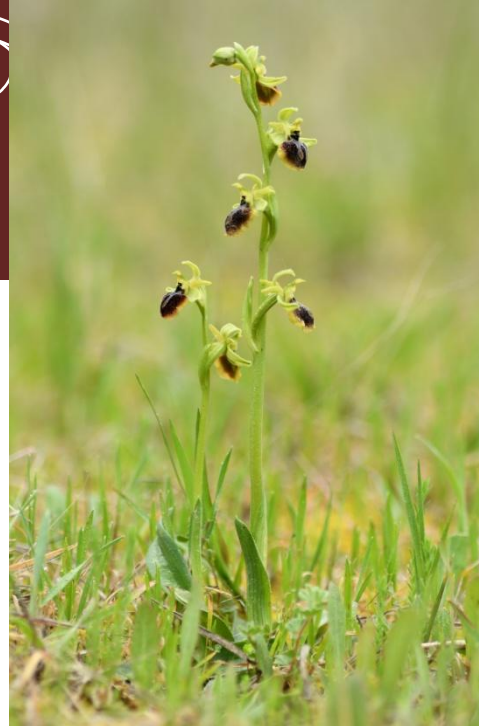
Plant with up to 14 flowers formed by yellowish-green sepals, and upper petals and a brown median lip usually bearing an H-shaped pattern and a yellow margin.

HABITAT

Open woodland, scrub or phrygana, in regions with low rainfall.

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic to Greece.



DANGER

Residential & commercial development (housing & urban areas; tourism & recreation areas), biological resource use (plant gathering).

PROTECTION

CITES Washington Convention - Annex II.

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

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