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Anacamptis pyramidalis

[Synonyms : *Aceras pyramidalis*, *Anacamptis condensata*, *Orchis appendiculata*, *Orchis bicornis*, *Orchis condensata*, *Orchis pyramidalis*]

PYRAMIDAL ORCHID is an orchid. Native to western Europe (including southern Britain) and to the Mediterranean, it has small long spurred rosy-purple flowers.

It is also known as *Červenohlav ihlancovitý* (Slovak), *Hondskruid* (Dutch), *Hundswurz* (German), *Klotyxne* (Swedish), *Orchis pyramidal* (French), *Pyramiden-Hundswurz* (German), Pyramid orchid, *Rudohlávek jehlancovitý* (Czech), *Salep* (Swedish), *Salepsrot* (Swedish), *Spitzorchis* (German), and *Tegeirian Bera* (Welsh).

The flowers can emit a vanilla-like (*Vanilla planifolia*) daytime scent (but when damp with dew its smell is foxy which repels some night moths). They are pollinated by butterflies and moths.

Pyramidalis means 'pyramid-shaped'.

Medicinally, locally the tubers have been used (like other members of the same family) to make a nutritious gruel or salep.