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Cephalanthera rubra

[Synonyms : *Epipactis purpurea*, *Epipactis rubra*, *Serapias grandiflora*, *Serapias longifolia*, *Serapias rubra*]

RED HELLEBORINE is an orchid. Native to western Asia and to temperate Europe (including Britain though rare there) it has deep pink flowers with yellow-ridged and rose-tipped, white lips.

It is also known as *Céphalanthère rouge* (French), *Elleborine rosea* (Italian), *Okrotice červená* (Czech), *Röd skogslilja* (Swedish), *Rödsyssla* (Swedish), *Rood bosvogeltje* (Dutch), and *Rotes Waldvögelein* (German).

This orchid is a protected species in the wild in Britain under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and is recognized as an endangered species on the continental European mainland.

Rubra is derived from Latin *ruber* (red).