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Dactylorhiza maculata

[Synonyms : *Dactylorchis elodes*, *Dactylorchis maculata*, *Dactylorchis maculata* subsp. *elodes*, *Dactylorchis maculata* subsp. *ericetorum*, *Dactylorhiza fuchsii*, *Dactylorhiza fuchsii* subsp. *transsilvanica*, *Orchis angustifolia* var. *schurii*, *Orchis elodes*, *Orchis ericetorum*, *Orchis fuchsii*, *Orchis longibracteata*, *Orchis maculata*, *Orchis maculata* subsp. *transsilvanica*, *Orchis solida*, *Orchis transsilvanica*]

HEATH SPOTTED ORCHID is an orchid. Native to western Asia and to Europe (including Britain), it has slender-spurred, rose-purple to whitish flowers with a dark spotted lip. It is also known as Adam and Eve, Adder's flower, Adder's grass, Ballock grass, Bullock grass, Butchers, Choogy-pig, Common spotted orchid, Common spotted orchis, *Concordia* (Italian), *Coue de r'nard* (Channel Islander-Jersey Norman-French), Crowfoot, Crow's flower, Cuckoo flower, Curlie-daddie, Dandy goslings, Dead man's hand, Dead man's thumb, Dead men's fingers, Female satyrion, *Geflecktes Knabenkraut* (German), Gethsemane, Hand orchis, Hen's kames, Kettle-case, King's fingers, Kite's legs, Kite-pan, Long purple, Nightcaps, Old woman's pincushion, *Orchis tacheté* (French), Palma Christi, *Plettet Gøgeurt* (Danish), Priest, *Prstnatec plamatý* (Czech), Queen's fingers, Ram's horn, Ring finger, Satyricon, Scab-gowks, Skeat-legs, Snake's flower, Spotted orchid, Spotted orchis, and *Tegeirian Brych* (Welsh).

Maculata is derived from Latin *macula* (spot, stain) meaning 'spotted or blotched'.

Apparently some Hungarians went to unusual lengths to lure the object of their dreams. If the roots of this orchid were dug up at Midsummer, then dried and mixed with menstrual blood, it was believed that this concoction if put on the food of the one desired could cause unfettered love.