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Neottia nidus-avis

[Synonyms : *Epipactis nidus-avis*, *Helleborine nidus-avis*, *Helleborine succulenta*, *Listera nidus-avis*, *Ophrys nidus-avis*]

BIRD’S-NEST ORCHID is a spurless orchid. Native to Europe (including Britain) it has sometimes disagreeably-smelling, yellow-brown flowers each with a prominent forked lip.

It is also known as *Hlístník hnízdák* (Czech), *Nästrot* (Swedish), *Néottie nid d’oiseau* (French), *Nestwurz* (German), *Nido d’uccello* (Italian), Spurless orchid, *Tegeirian Nyth Aderyn* (Welsh), *Vogelnestje* (Dutch), and *Vogelnestwurz* (German).

Bird’s-nest orchid is protected in Northern Ireland under the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985.

Nidus-avis are Latin words (nest and bird respectively) meaning ‘bird’s nest’ with reference to the mass of twisted fleshy, pale brown roots.