

*Orchis morio*

[Synonyms : *Anacamptis morio*, *Orchis crenulata*, *Orchis officinalis*]

**GREEN-WINGED ORCHID** is a deciduous perennial orchid. Native to northern temperate areas it has small intermittently strong scented, short-spurred, partly green-veined, deep purple to near white flowers with wavy-edged lip.

It is also known as Beldairy, Bleeding willow, Bloody man's finger, Buffoon orchid, Bull's bags, Bullsegg, *Compañón* (Spanish), Crawfeet, Crawtees, Crowfoot, Cuckoo, Cuckoo-flower, Dandy gosher, Dandy goslings, *Erva-do-salepo* (Portuguese), *Fatua* (Portuguese), Fool's stones, Gander-goose, Giddygander, *Göknyckel* (Swedish), *Göknyckelblomster* (Swedish), *Göknycklar* (Swedish), Goose and goslings, Goosey gander, Green-veined orchid, Green-winged meadow orchid, Green-winged meadow orchis, Green-winged orchis, *Harlekijn* (Dutch), King finger, Kingfisher, *Kleines Knabenkraut* (German), Nuns, *Orchis bouffon* (French), Parson's nose, Puddock's spindles, Queen's fingers, Ram's horn, Salep, *Salep-gøgeurt* (Danish), Single castles, *Tegeirian y Waun* (Welsh), *Testículo-de-cão* (Portuguese), *Vstavač kukačka* (Czech), *Vstavač obecný* (Czech), *Vstavač obyčajný* (Slovak), and *Zonzelle* (Italian).

Green-winged orchid is a protected plant in the Irish Republic under the Flora Protection Order 1987 and also in Northern Ireland under the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985.

*Morio* is derived from Latin *morior* (to die, decay, wither away, fade) probably with reference to the dull flower colour.

The tubers have long been considered an aphrodisiac in some areas, and this has led to a decline in the population of this species.