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Orchis purpurea

[Synonyms : *Orchis x angusticurris*, *Orchis bifolia*, *Orchis brachiata*, *Orchis caucasica*,
Orchis fusca, *Orchis fuscata*, *Orchis maxima*, *Orchis moravica*]

LADY ORCHID is an orchid. Native to Europe (including Britain) and the Mediterranean, it has fragrant, sometimes purple-spotted, occasionally green, brownish-purple flowers with a purple-spotted white or red lip and a small spur.

It is also known as Dark-winged orchid, Man orchid, *Orchis casque* (French), *Orchis pourpré* (French), *Purpur Knabenkraut* (German), *Purpur-Orchis* (German), *Purpurorchis* (Dutch), *Stornycklar* (Swedish), *Stort nyckelblomster* (Swedish), *Vstavač nachový* (Czech), and *Vstavač purpurový* (Slovak).

Purpurea is Latin (purple-coloured) with reference to the flower-colouring.