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Platanthera chlorantha

[Synonyms : *Habenaria chlorantha*, *Habenaria chloroleuca*, *Habenaria montana*, *Habenaria virescens*, *Orchis chlorantha*, *Orchis montana*, *Orchis ochroleuca*, *Platanthera montana*]

GREATER BUTTERFLY ORCHID is a perennial orchid. Native to Europe (including Britain) to the Mediterranean, it has mildly fragrant, creamy- or greenish-white flowers each with a long thread-like, greenish spur.

It is also known as *Bergnatchorchis* (Dutch), *Berg Waldhyazinthe* (German), Butterfly orchid, Common butterfly orchid, *Grönvit nattviol* (Swedish), *Grünlich Breikölbchen* (German), *Grünlich Waldhyazinthe* (German), *Keltalehdokki* (Finnish), Night violet, *Orchis verdâtre* (French), *Platanthère des montagnes* (French), *Skovgøgelilje* (Danish), *Storyxne* (Swedish), *Tegeirian Llydanwyrdd* (Welsh), and *Vemeník zelenavý* (Czech).

The flowers' scent is vanilla-like (*Vanilla planifolia*) and they are pollinated by long-tongued butterflies and moths.

Chlorantha is derived from Greek *chloro-* (green) and *-antha* (flowered) components.