# Orchis simia Lam.

Monkey Orchid

Key: **Dots** refer to the native sites of the species **Numbers** refer to the nearby Botanical Collections



## Starting references

**Family** 

Orchidaceae

**IUCN** category (2001)

Vulnerable

Habit

Tuberous herb (perennial).

Habitat

Grazed chalk grassland.

Reasons for decline

The ploughing of dowland.

Distribution in wild

Country	Locality & Vice County	Sites (10km² occurences)	Population (plants)
England	E. Kent	1	>200
	Oxfordshire	1	>100

#### Ex situ Collections

## Gardens close to the region of distribution of the species

- 1 University of Oxford Botanic Garden
- 2 The Harris Garden
- Windsor, The Savill & Valley Gardens
- 4 Akely Wood Farmhouse
- 5 Cliveden (NT)
- 6 Sissinghurst Castle Garden
- 7 Bedgebury National Pinetum

## Gardens with specialisation on family Orchidaceae

Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Westbourne

Bristol Zoological Gardens

City of Liverpool Botanic Gardens

Glasgow Botanic Gardens

**RHS** Wisley

RBG Kew

Spinners

University of Oxford Botanic Garden

# Potential to grow the species in ex situ Collections

## Conservation information

## Linkages to BAPs

Oxfordshire's Habitat Action Plans

Kent BAP

Buckinghamshire And Milton Keynes Biodiversity Action Plan 2000 - 2010

#### **Habitat Management**

At both sites, populations are increasing, assisted by management of grazing. Protected sites with records for *Orchis simia* are listed on http://www.searchnbn.net

# Known conservation programmes

Seed from the Kent population was used to establish a second population in Kent.

## Web References

• NBN Gateway database: http://www.searchnbn.net