

Ophrys fuciflora (Crantz) Moench & Reichenb.

Late Spider-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

Long-lived tuberous herb (perennial).

Habitat

Herb-rich grassland.

Reasons for decline

Grassland improvement, ploughing and the cessation of grazing.

Distribution in wild

| Country | Locality & Vice County | Sites (10km ² occurrences) | Population (plants) |
|---------|------------------------|--|------------------------|
| England | North Downs, E. Kent | 4 | 400-500 in 1994 |

Ex situ Collections

Gardens close to the region of distribution of the species

- 1 Sissinghurst Castle Garden
- 2 Bedgebury National Pinetum

Gardens with specialisation on family Orchidaceae

B'ham Botanical Gardens
Bristol Zoological Gardens
City of Liverpool Botanic Gardens
Glasgow Botanic Gardens
RHS Wisley
RBG Kew
Spinners
University of Oxford Botanic Garden

Gardens with specialisation on genus *Ophrys*

None

Potential to grow the species in *ex situ* Collections

Conservation information

Linkages to BAPs

Kent BAP.

Habitat Management

All known persistent localities of *O. fuciflora* lie within SSSIs, in habitats that are currently sympathetically managed.

Conservation programmes

Unknown

Web References

- Images: <http://www.bioimages.org.uk/HTML/T37735.HTM>