

Horseshoe bee-orchid

Ophrys ferrum-equinum Desf.

DESCRIPTION

Plant with 3-8 flowers formed by pink sepals and upper petals, with a blackish-brown median lip bearing a pattern in the center often reminding of a horseshoe.

HABITAT

Open woodland, scrub, phrygana and olive groves, on alkaline substrates.

DISTRIBUTION

Greece, Albania and southern Turkey.



DANGER

Residential & commercial development (housing & urban areas; tourism & recreation areas), biological resource use (plant gathering).

PROTECTION

CITES Washington Convention - Annex II.

EU regulation of trade of fauna and flora - Annex B.

IUCN Red List of Threatened Species: Least Concern.

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