

Orchids from the Auvergne region

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The Auvergne region situated in the Centre of France harbours 54 orchid species growing on dry calcareous or basaltic grasslands, on humid bogs in plains or in volcanic mountains, in oak or beech forests.

Populations on different sites from these 3 species are evaluated every year



Auvergne volcanic mountains in Cantal



Dry calcareous grassland



A bog

3 new species appeared recently in the Auvergne region

- *Epipactis exilis*, new for French Flora,
- *Orchis simia*,
- *Epipactis atrorubens*, maybe due to climatic changes.



Epipactis exilis



Orchis simia



Epipactis atrorubens

3 species are on the French national Red List

- *Anacamptis coriophora* ssp *coriophora*,
- *Epipogium aphyllum*,
- *Spiranthes aestivalis*.



Anacamptis coriophora



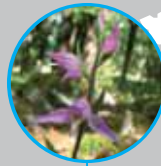
Epipogium aphyllum



Spiranthes aestivalis

13 species have a regional protection

- *Cephalanthera damasonium*,
- *Cephalanthera rubra*,
- *Corallorrhiza trifida*,
- *Epipactis microphylla*,
- *Gymnadenia austriaca*,
- *Neottia cordata*,
- *Ophrys insectifera*,
- *Ophrys sulcata*,
- *Ophrys scolopax*,
- *Ophrys sphegodes*,
- *Orchis militaris*,
- *Orchis pallens*,
- *Traunsteinera globosa*.



Cephalanthera rubra



Corallorrhiza trifida



Epipactis microphylla



Gymnadenia austriaca



Neottia cordata



Ophrys sulcata



Ophrys scolopax



Traunsteinera globosa