Wild Orchids in the Algarve
by Sue Parker


A beautifully illustrated souvenir guide to wild orchids in the Algarve, Portugal's wildflower paradise.

More than 100 large colour photographs with details of dozens of the Algarve's amazing wild orchids and their habitats

'Where and when to look' advice plus a site location map and details of the Algarve's nature reserves and other orchid walks

"Go to the right places in the Algarve at the right times of year, and the most amazing orchid sights will greet you. This beautifully illustrated book answers those crucial questions What, Where and When..."

Contents List of this volume...

The Algarve – its climate and habitats
What is an Orchid?
A Bit about Orchid Biology
Algarve Orchid Habitats and how to Survive them
How to Find Wild Orchids in the Algarve
Broad-leaved Helleborine (Epipactis helleborine)
Violet Limodore (Limodorum abortivum)
The Anacamptis morio Group
Green-winged Orchid (Anacamptis morio)
Long-spurred Orchid (Anacamptis longicornu)
Champagne Orchid (Anacamptis champagneuxii)
Naked Man Orchid (Orchis italicus)
Man Orchid (Orchis anthropophora)
Pyramidal Orchid (Anacamptis pyramidalis)
Conical Orchid (Orchis conica)
Ophrys Species in the Algarve
Bumblebee Orchid (Ophrys bombyliflora)
Mirror Orchid (Ophrys speculum)
Ophrys speculum ssp. lusitanica (also known as Ophrys vernixia)
Yellow Bee Orchid (Ophrys lutea)
Woodcock Orchid (Ophrys scolopax)
Sawfly Orchid (Ophrys tenthredinera)
Bee Orchid (Ophrys apifera)
Sombre Bee Orchid (Ophrys fusca)
Ophrys omegaifera
Small-flowered Tongue Orchid (Serapias parviflora)
Heart-flowered Tongue Orchid (Serapias cordigera)
Autumn Lady’s-tresses (Spiranthes spiralis)
Orchid Walks in the Algarve
Nature Conservation and Natural Parks in the Algarve
Finding Your Way About
About the Author

Sue Parker's passion for wild orchids dates back to her childhood in the Far East, where epiphytic orchids grew on the fence at the bottom of her garden, and the tropical countryside abounded with orchids as well as many other beautiful exotic flowers.

Born in Tenby in South Wales, after living in many other countries and travelling the world as an essential part of her job as director of a media marketing company, Sue now shares her time between her homes in Wales and in the Algarve as well as travelling, mainly in Europe, to see, photograph and learn more about wild terrestrial orchids.

To date Sue has written nine books about wildflowers, including four that are devoted to terrestrial orchids. Apart from *Wild Orchids in the Algarve*, Sue has also written *Wild Orchids of Wales, how, when and where to find them*, and *Wild Orchids in The Burren* (the latter being co-authored with her husband Pat O'Reilly). Sue's latest book for the Algarve region of Portugal, *Wild Orchids of the Algarve, how, when and where to find them*, is an acclaimed comprehensive hardback field guide - indispensable for anyone with a keen interest in Europe's wild terrestrial orchids.

Sue has also made radio and television programmes about orchids and continues to give talks and contribute articles to countryside magazines.

Reviews

*What a delight it is to come across a book that provides such helpful advice and beautiful pictures to help visitors to this wildflower wonderland. I particularly value having a map as well as location information for the dozens of wildflowers that grown in southern Portugal in springtime (December to May being the key months). The scientific names are included for those who prefer to work that way. A pocket guide that is excellent value for money and beautifully produced. Ten out of ten!* (Review on Amazon)

*Sue Parker has made a detailed study of the habitats and hotspots preferred by the species of wild orchids that occur in the Algarve, Portugal's most famous and ecologically-rich region. Details of habitat preferences, flowering times and other clues to finding orchids. Advice on some of the most prolific wild orchid sites, with directions for "orchid walks" and which species can be found there. A well illustrated and modestly priced introductory guide, ideal for visitors to and residents of the region.* (Review on Summerfield Books)

There are many more reviews like these, both in wildlife and countryside magazines and online.
Small-flowered Tongue Orchid (Orobanche petraea)

The two species of tongue orchids that are found more frequently in the Alps are the Small-flowered Tongue Orchid (Orobanche petraea) and the Broad-flowered Tongue Orchid (Orobanche cornigera).

The distinctive Small-flowered Tongue Orchid is very common throughout the Alps and can be found growing close to the soil in the garden and also on the edges of woodlands. These orchids, which typically have red or orange flowers, can be difficult to spot in large areas.