

Dactylorhiza fuchsii (Common Spotted Orchid)



Native of: UK and Europe

Habitat: Terrestrial found in unimproved grassland on chalk and limestone.

Description: The highly variable 1cm flowers are presented on stems up to 50cm. Up to about 50 flowers on the stem but may be as few as 7.

Cultivation Guidance: At School we grow in a net covered tunnel in a soil based compost that is 2 parts John Innes number 2, one part mendip grit, one part cornish grit and one part peat. We keep the plants outside all year unless very cold weather is forecast when we move them to an unheated greenhouse. We take seedlings out of flask in March just as they start into growth.

Flowering season: May/June

Flask to flowering approx. 3-4yrs.

Seed source: Farm local to Writhlington School