

# Three-toothed orchid

*Neotinea tridentata* (Scop.) R.M.Bateman & al.

## DESCRIPTION

A small and robust orchid with a dense oval inflorescence of up to 30 usually pale pink flowers. The upper pink-veined sepals and petals form a hood above the lip of the flower. The lip is deeply lobed, pale and covered with red dots.

## HABITAT

Open grassland, phrygana (garrigue) and open woodland.



## DISTRIBUTION

Southern and central Europe, reaching Poland and Germany to the north and extending to the Caucasus in the southeast.

## DANGER

The species is quite widespread and abundant. Like most European orchids, its main threats are represented by habitat destruction.

## 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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