

# Wild Orchids of Bedfordshire

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The newly published *Wild Orchids of Bedfordshire* is a superbly illustrated and up-to-date account of Bedfordshire's wild orchid flora following two years of intensive fieldwork by local naturalists. Accounts of all 27 species that have ever been recorded in the county are included as well as hybrids and varieties.

The authors, Richard Revels, Chris Boon and Graham Bellamy spent two years recording in detail the orchid flora of the county along with over three hundred local people who have enthusiastically contributed records. Richard Revels FRPS photographed all species still present in the county from their early leaves through flowering to seeding and, where possible, any insect pollinators visiting the flowers.

All species have, on average, four pages of text and photographs. The accounts include information on status, habit, threats, variation, including any hybrids and where they can be seen on open access sites.

The distribution maps are at a 1km scale and emphasise the data from the two-year survey. They also show older records to indicate changes that have occurred since 1987 and also since recording of the county's flora began seriously in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Introductory material includes important chapters on the continuing survey of Autumn Lady's-tresses at Knocking Hoe started by the late Terry Wells in 1962, and the habitats, conservation and monitoring of orchids in the county.

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