

Orchids from Lebanon

AL SHOUF BIOSPHERE RESERVE

The villages of Ain Dara, Bomhray, Barouk, Dalboun, Ain Zhalta



Scientific Name: *Anacamptis pyramidalis* (L.) Rich.

Common Name: Pyramidal orchid

Arabic Name: سحلب هرمسي

Habitat: Oak forests, Grassland

Status: Scarce

Flowering Time: May



Height: 30 cm



Description: Source of 'Salep'. This orchid has a flowering spike in the shape of a rounded pyramid and is pollinated by moths and butterflies. The flowers have two different smells-during the day they have aroma of vanilla, in the evening when it is damp, the smell is goat-like. The colour of the flowers vary from deep pink to purple.