

New orchid species recorded at Kemerton Lake.

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This year (2017) I found two plants of Green-winged Orchid *Anacamptis morio* at Grid Reference SO93963614 (01). This brings the total number of orchid species recently recorded at Kemerton Lake Nature Reserve to nine, the others being Southern Marsh, Common Spotted, Early Purple, Pyramidal and Bee Orchids, Broad-leaved Helleborine, Twayblade and Autumn Ladies' Tresses. This list does not include the hybrid between the two *Dactylorhiza* species *D.x grandis*, which occurs in considerable numbers.

Although all of the nature reserve lies in modern Worcestershire, the eastern portion is in Kemerton parish which was formerly in Gloucestershire and therefore is in Watsonian Vice County 33. All of the taxa listed above except for Early Purple Orchid are to be found in this parish. Kemerton can boast a further two orchid species, Green-flowered Helleborine and Frog Orchid, bringing its total to ten plus the hybrid, not a bad score for a parish of only 644 hectares.



01. Green-winged Orchid *Anacamptis morio* at Kemerton. Adrian Darby