

Gastrodia

Name and Authority

Gastrodia R.Br.

Common Name

Potato Orchids

Originally Described by

Robert Brown in Prodr. Fl. Nov. Holland. 330 (1810)

Flowering Months

Jan Nov Dec

Description

Gastrodia [species](#) have leaves that are reduced to inconspicuous bracts, an unusual hollow flowering stem and up to 70 inverted bell-shaped flowers with united [petals](#) and [sepals](#). Plants lack chlorophyll and, as they are unable to photosynthesise, have a strong reliance on associated mycorrhizal fungi which supply nutrients to the plant.



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[Gastrodia distribution](#)

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