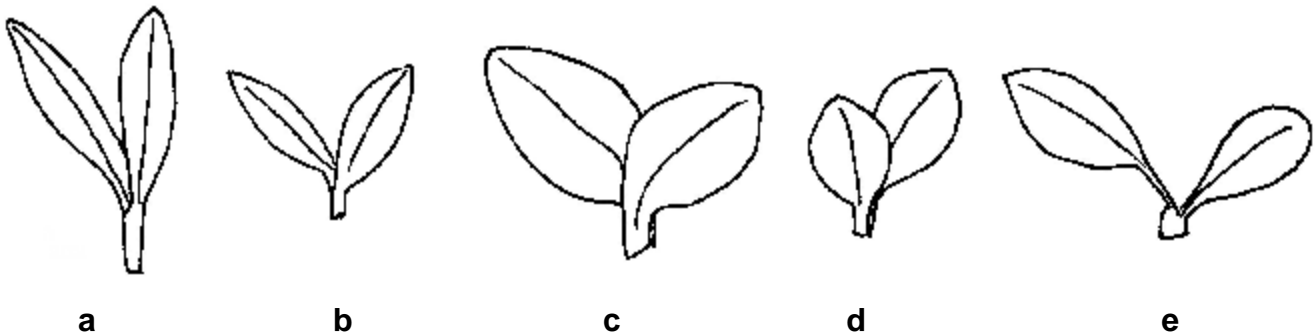


## ***LIPARIS LOESELII* (L.) RICH.**

The two varieties of this protected species are easily distinguished by leaf shape and habitat, and are almost distinct species. As a UK BAP priority species it is of high interest, and full details should be recorded of all populations.

**Var. *loeselii*:** Leaves oblong-elliptic; up to 12 flowers. Fens and reed swamp, mainly East Anglia.

**Var. *ovata*** Ridd. ex Godfrey: Leaves ovate to broadly elliptical; up to 6(-10) flowers. Dune slacks, mainly W Britain.



Leaf shapes. (a, b) var. *loeselii*, (c-e) var. *ovata*.

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