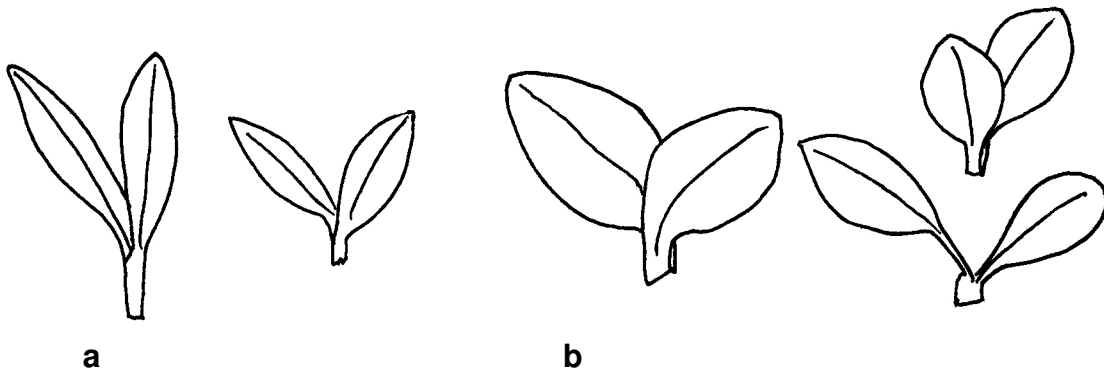


***LIPARIS LOESELII* (L.) RICH.**

The two varieties of this protected species are easily distinguished by leaf shape and habitat, and are almost distinct species. As a UK Biodiversity 'short list' 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 Godfery: Leaves ovate to broadly elliptical; flowers up to 6(-10) flowers. Dune slacks, mainly W Britain.



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

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