

# *Primula veris*



Common names: Common cowslip, primavera común, Echte Schlüsselblume

Scientific name: *Primula veris*

Family: Primulaceae

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Location: Espinosa de los monteros, Burgos, Spain

Habitat: Sunny pasturage on limestone

Geographic range: Native throughout temperate Europe and western Asia/ Caucasus

IUCN-status: Least concern (LC)

Description: Perennial, herbaceous plant, up to 25cm tall; forms a basal rosette with thick, simple, light-green leaves of a lanceolate-ovate shape (up to 20cm tall and 5cm broad), clearly structured nerves and slightly serrated margins; 5-20 deep-yellow flowers are together in a terminal umbellate 'key-shaped' inflorescence; the erect, pubescent stem is without leaves; the 5 petals of the nodding flowers are adnate and tubular-shaped and each has a prominent orange point; fruit is a capsule, that is about half the size of the 5 sepaled, campanulate calyx; blooming season is variable between February and May

Ecology: Heterostyly-> different lengths of the styli to prevent geitonogamy

Medical/food use: Mucus-dissolving, anticonvulsant, bronchitis; eaten in salad, spinach