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Common Cowslip, *Primula veris* L.

From the primrose family (Primulaceae)

Perennial plant with a basal rosette of leaves. Golden yellow, strongly fragrant flowers grow in many-flowered umbels on slender stems.

Valuable chemical compounds are saponins (root), saponins and flavonoids (flowers).

The plant can reach a height of 8-20cm. The common cowslip prefers calcareous sites. It can be found in semi-arid grasslands, dry meadows, sparse deciduous forests and forest edges.

Primula veris is a partially protected plant in Austria. This means that it is forbidden by law to pick the parts of this species growing above ground in quantities exceeding a hand bouquet. The parts growing underground may not be dug up, nor may their location be interfered with.

In the garden, the colourful hybrids of the common primrose (*Primula vulgaris*) are planted above all. The wide range of colours of these rather robust and undemanding plants makes them wonderful spring companions.

