

Manitoba Native Orchids Compendium

Pink lady's-slipper - white flowered form (*Cypripedium acaule* Aiton - forma *albiflorum* Rand & Redfield)



In Manitoba, populations of the white flowered (*albiflorum*) form of the pink lady's-slipper are uncommon. Approximately 20 years ago, while on a canoe trip in the Wallace Lake area, the writer and his paddling partner found a number of the white flowering plants mixed with a population of normal plants. An overland portage trail from one river system to another, led to the discovery of this unusual flowering form. A recent attempt to visit this colony found that water levels of the river system were so low that travel by canoe to the area was impossible.