

Manitoba Native Orchids Compendium

Small round-leaved bog orchid - lined lip form
(*Amerorchis rotundifolia* (Banks) Hulten forma *lineata* (Mousley) Hulten



Until 2005 this interesting form of the small round-leaved bog orchid had not been reported from Manitoba. In June of 2005, Bill Hildebrand and Trish Sherrer of Swan River, reported that they had found a small colony of forma *lineata* in the Steeprock Lake area of the Porcupine Mountains in western Manitoba. Photographs provided, confirmed this observation. In mid-July 2005, a group of 11 experienced orchid naturalists on a trip to Churchill led by the author, discovered a substantial colony of forma *lineata*. Thus, within a month, 2 colonies of *Amerorchis rotundifolia* forma *lineata* were reported in widely separated areas of Manitoba.

The typical small round-leaved bog orchid has small pink to purplish spots scattered across the face of the lip. In the lined lip form, these spots coalesce to form large spots that are much longer than they are wide.

The first report of form *lineata* was from Elkwater Lake in Alberta. Other areas of reported observations include Sibley Park in Ontario and Cypress Hills Provincial Park in Saskatchewan.