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NATIVE TO THE US AND CANADA

Calypso bulbosa Fairy Slipper





The Fairy Slipper grows in wet coniferous or mixed forests and bogs from Alaska to Newfoundland and throughout the northeastern and western

United States. A single leaf emerges in the autumn and stays green throughout the winter, even under the snow. The lone pink flower arrives in the late spring with petals and sepals that spread distinctively outwards and the pouch-like lip has a beard of yellow bristles. The Fairy Slipper Orchid possesses no nectar and attracts its pollinators by deception. The vanilla scent and shape of the flower is similar to flowers that have nectar and bumblebees are fooled to enter the pouch in search of food. Disappointed and still hungry, the bee soon flies off, unaware the pollen attached to its back will be delivered to the next flower it visits.

To learn more about the Fairy Slipper, scan the QR code with your phone or visit the species page on *Go Orchids* at http://goorchids.northamericanorchidcenter.org

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