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## *Cypripedium reginae* Showy Lady's Slipper





The Showy Lady's Slipper, our tallest native orchid, is widely distributed throughout eastern and central North America. Reginae is Latin for

"queen," a fitting tribute to this orchid, with its white petals and sepals that spread out from its pink, pouch-like labellum. This orchid requires moist soil and sunlight and typically grows in wetlands, swamps, and on river banks. Slow-growing, this clonal orchid may take over 15 years to produce its first flower. But once it blooms, a single plant can have over 200 flowering stems. White-tailed deer readily eat this plant. w nite-tailed deer readily eat this plant. Illegal collecting, loss of habitat and poor water quality (pollution) have also caused declines in wild populations. The Showy Lady's Slipper has fine hairs that may irritate skin and cause a rash similar to poison iv poison ivy.

To learn more about the Showy Lady's 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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