

Native Orchid Conference

Bruce Peninsula, Ontario, Canada

June 14 - 17, 2019

Conference Overview

In June of 2003 our second annual conference was held on the Bruce Peninsula in Ontario, Canada. This year, our eighteenth consecutive conference will revisit the world-famous, orchid-rich "Bruce".

As has been our standard practice, there will be two days of presentations and two days of field trips. An optional visit to Flowerpot Island will be offered. A list of potential accommodations (motels, campgrounds, B&B's) for the peninsula area is available on our website.

Registration will be limited to the first 110 people from whom we receive responses. For your convenience, electronic registration and a PayPal option will be available. Visit our website for instructions:

www.nativeorchidconference.org

Registration at the door is *not* available.

Feel free to copy and share conference information with friends and let us know of others who might be interested.

CONFERENCE FEE:

For those with time constraints, we will, for the first time, offer partial registration (i.e. any two consecutive days).

Full Registration: \$150 US per person

Partial Registration: \$ 85 US per person

Case Grant Program: The NOC supports native orchid research and conservation through its Fred Case Grant program. Twenty-five dollars from each conference registrant will be directed to an endowment fund which supports the program. That amount is tax-deductible under US IRS regulations governing charitable contributions.

After receipt of your registration, a confirmation notice, updated conference details (if any), and an orchid species list will be sent to you via email.

Our base of operations and venue for the Thursday ice-breaker is the Tobermory Princess Hotel. The nearby Tobermory Community Center is our lecture venue.

For those who wish to extend their stay, there are many interesting places to explore across this rich region. Information about points of interest on or near the Bruce is available on-line. In addition to orchids, there are many rare and unusual plants, birds and geological formations to be found.

A most important aspect of this conference is the opportunity to meet people who share a common interest in natural history in general and native orchids in particular. Many long-lasting friendships and professional relationships have been formed at NOC conferences. Why not take this opportunity to renew them and/or make new ones on the wild, wonderful Bruce Peninsula?



Fairy Slipper Orchid
(*Calypso bulbosa*)

Conference Highlights:

- *Optional ice-breaker & early check-in Thursday evening*
- *Presentations on Friday & Sunday*
- *Field trips on Saturday & Monday*

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Paul Catling: Past President of the Canadian Botanical Association, co-author of *Orchids of Ontario*, *FNA* contributor
"The Bruce Peninsula and Its Native Orchids"

Tom Sampliner:

Tentative Conference Schedule

Thursday, June 13

1800 - 2100: Early check-in, reception & sales

Friday, June 14

0800 - 0945: Check-in and sales

0945 - 1000: Welcome

1000 - 1200: Presentations

1200 - 1330: Lunch (provided)

1330 - 1600: Presentations

1600 - 1700: Field trip planning

Saturday, June 15

0800 - 1600: **Field trips**

Sunday, June 16

0830 - 1130: Presentations

1130 - 1300: Lunch (provided)

1300 - 1500: Presentations

1500 - 1600: **Annual meeting**

1600 - 1700: Field trip planning

Monday, June 17

0800 - 1600: **Field trips**

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Miscellaneous Information:

Call For Presentations:

Time may be available for those who wish to share information about orchid sites or species which they have been studying. If you want to make such a presentation (30 minutes maximum), please advise immediately.

Sales Area:

There will be an area available for those who wish to sell orchid related items (books, plants, prints, etc.). Board approval is required and limited space will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have items you wish to sell please advise immediately.

Cancellation Policy:

75% of the conference registration fee may be refunded if written notice of your intent to cancel is received by May 31, 2019.

Some Rare Ferns of the Bruce Peninsula

- Hart's Tongue Fern
- Moonwort
- Northern Holly Fern
- Purple Stemmed Cliffbrake
- Robert's Fern
- Walking Fern

Bruce Peninsula Overview

The Bruce Peninsula and Flowerpot Island off its northern tip are legendary places for native orchid (and nature) lovers. These are spectacular botanical areas!

Forty-three taxa (species, forms, varieties & natural hybrids) of orchids have been documented on the Bruce. It is one of the richest North American native orchid sites outside of Florida. Many of the orchids are found in the open coastal marl or boreal forest. In addition to orchids, numerous species of carnivorous plants, rare ferns and other wildflowers can be found in the area.

Our field trips could produce 30 orchid species (many in bloom). The most likely are:

- *Aplectrum hyemale*
- *Calopogon tuberosus*
- *Calyso bulbosa*
- *Coeloglossum viride*
- *Corallorhiza: maculata, striata, trifida*
- *Cypripedium: acaule, arietinum, parviflorum, reginae*
- *Galearis spectabilis*
- *Goodyera oblongifolia, repens, tessellata (leaves only)*



Ram's-head Lady's-slipper
(*Cypripedium arietinum*)

- *Listera: convallarioides; cordata; ovata*
- *Malaxis: monophyllos; unifolia*
- *Piperia unalascensis*
- *Platanthera: dilatata; flava; orbiculata; hookeri; huronensis; obtusata; psycodes*
- *Pogonia ophioglossoides*
- *Spiranthes lucida*
- *Liparis loeselii*

Along with a rich display of other wild flowers and ferns, we should see several sundew, bladderwort and pitcher plant species.

Most areas where we will hike are within a short distance of roads and have relatively easy access. We will carpool in order to minimize congestion. You should wear good hiking boots and bring plenty of insect repellent, snacks (or a box lunch) and water.

If you plan to stay after the conference, this is a great area to explore. There are lots wildflowers, ferns, and birds on the Bruce at this time of the year. You might even see a black bear. As you drive around, keep an eye on the roadside for unbelievably dense displays of *Cypripedium parviflorum*.