

# Manitoba Native Orchids Compendium

## Showy Lady's-slipper - white flowered form (*Cypripedium reginae* Walter .- forma *albolabium* Fernald & Schubert)



The pink lip of the showy lady's-slipper varies tremendously in intensity from a deep rose, to medium pink to the pure white *albolabium* form. Blooming slightly later than the normal colour type, this uncommon form has been reported from several areas of the province. One has to be careful in making this colour form distinction however, as John Doherty has reported an experience where a *Cypripedium reginae* that normally flowered with a pink lip produced a pale flower when exposed to a warmer environment. (John W. Doherty. The Genus *Cypripedium*. North American Native Orchid Journal, Vol. 3, No. 1) These pale flowers may be confused with the true *albolabium* form. The leaves of the white flowered form are a lighter green than the normal form.