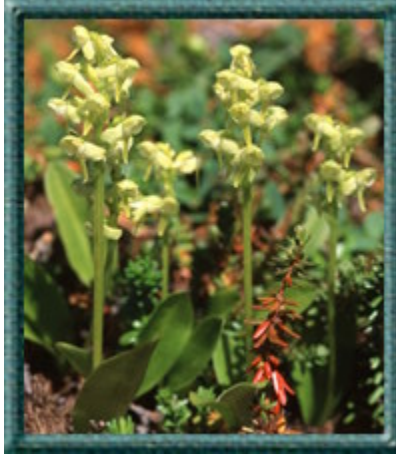


Manitoba Native Orchids Compendium

**Blunt-leaved rein orchid - dwarfed form (*Platanthera obtusata* (Banks ex Pursh) Lindley-
forma *collectanea* (Fernald) P.M. Brown)**



In the Churchill area, on the open Tundra along the coast of the Hudson Bay, small colonies of the blunt-leaved rein orchid grow in depressions of the rocky terrain. These sturdy little plants grow no more than 8 cm in height with 5 to 10 florets on a compact inflorescence. This orchid blends with the other compact vegetation of this particular environment and is not easy to observe. Blooming date of this dwarfed form of the blunt-leaved rein orchid is approximately mid-July.