

Manitoba Native Orchids Compendium

Striped coralroot (*Corallorhiza striata* Lindley var *striata*)



Corallorhiza striata occurs in a broad diagonal band from the south-east portion of the province, through the parkland region to the Saskatchewan border. The species name *striata* comes from the Latin "*striatus*" meaning "striped", referring to the purple markings on the floral parts. This species is relatively common and is conspicuous in its habitat, often forming large clumps. Habitat requirement is the least demanding of all coralroots and it can be found from moist deciduous and mixed forests to sandy jack pine locations. In Manitoba expect to find it in bloom from late May to mid-June.

This orchid is often sought after by photographers because of the showy nature of the blossoms and its tendency to produce clumps of flowering stems. Close-up photography can be somewhat disconcerting by the habit of the dorsal (upper) sepal to hang downward, obscuring part of the flower.