

Species at Risk

SMALL WHITE LADY'S-SLIPPER



What does it look like?

A perennial orchid that often grows in clumps. Stems produce 2 to 4 leaves in a clasping shape.

Flowers resemble a white “slipper”-shaped pouch and bloom between late May and mid-June.

Where can it be found?

Thrives in calcium-rich soils in undisturbed native prairie around wooded grasslands and roadside ditches near agricultural fields.



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Threats

- Urban and farmland development—causes loss of prairie habitat
- Invasive species
- Intrusion of woody plants
- In ditches, it is subjected to spraying of herbicides, clearing, and illegal collection.

What can you do to recover this species?

Conservation of native prairie land is essential for small white lady's-slipper survival. Landowners that spot this species on their property can contact the MMF for actions they can take on their land to protect this rare plant!



Contact amy.klassen@mmf.mb.ca for more species at risk information or visit www.mmf.mb.ca/natural-resources.