

Orchids in B.C.?

Orchids are the largest family of plants in the world. Orchids grow in every part of the world except the Arctic and Antarctic, so yes - orchids do grow in B.C. Orchid flowers can vary in size from very small to huge and come in every colour except for true black. Some orchids grow on other trees and plants, but in B.C. orchids grow in soil. The flowers are small but beautiful, and they often have a lovely scent. Here are a few of them. See if you can find orchids on your nature rambles this summer.



- 1) Phantom Orchid: Todd Carnahan, B.C.
- 2) Rein Orchid: Rosemary Taylor, B.C.
- 3) Fairy Slipper: David Shackleton, B.C.
- 4) White Bog-Orchid: David Shackleton, B.C.
- 5) Rattlesnake-plantain: Todd Carnahan, B.C.
- 6) Western Coralroot: David Shackleton, B.C.
- 7) Mountain Ladyslipper: Rosemary Taylor, B.C.

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