

Scientific Name: *Cypripedium arietinum*

Syn: *Criosanthes arietina*

Common Name: Ram's-head Lady's-slipper

Element ID: 12647

Taxonomy

Taxonomic class: Monocotyledoneae

Order: Orchidales

Family Name: Orchidaceae

Genus Name: *Cypripedium*

Family Common Name: Orchid Family

Genus Common Name:

Taxonomic Comments:

Ranking and Protection Status

Global Rank: G3

COSEWIC Status:

Provincial Rank: S1

Provincial Protection Status:

Diagnostic Characteristics

Identification Comments:

Ram's-head Lady's-slipper is around 10-50 cm in height with a slender and hairy stem. It has 3-5 leaves which are deep green, elliptical and strongly ribbed. These are arranged in a rough spiral around the stem. The flowers are solitary with scape to 15 cm. The Petals and sepals are greenish-brown and linear. The lip is white with red veined cross hatching, although sometimes the veins are hard to see. The lip is also prolonged downward into a small conical pouch with the circular mouth of the lip covered with white hairs. The specific epithet *arietinum* is the Latin meaning "like a ram,".



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Lookalikes:

Currently no identified similar looking species

Habitat Information and Comments

Habitat Comments:

In Saskatchewan the habitat of the Ram's-head Lady's-slipper is damp cool and shady woodlands in the north and the north-east.

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Threat Comments:

TH-1; HABITAT INCLUDES MESIC PINE WOODS. MAY BE SUBJECT TO TIMBER HARVEST.

Protection Comments:

HOW DO YOU PREVENT PEOPLE FROM DIGGING THEM UP?

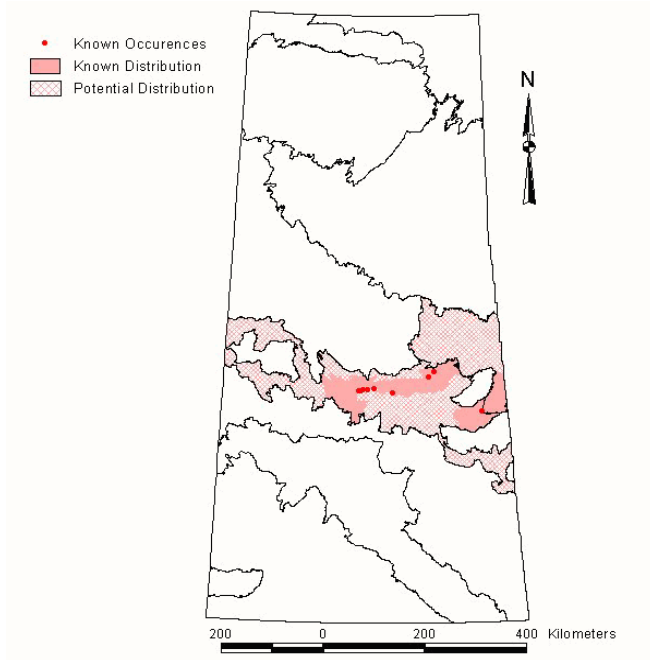
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Saskatchewan Distribution



Rural Municipalities:

- BUCKLAND (SK)
- HUDSON BAY (SK)
- KINISTINO (SK)
- MOOSE RANGE (SK)
- NIPAWIN (SK)
- TORCH RIVER (SK)

Range Extent Comments:

RR-2; EAST-CENTRAL SASKATCHEWAN. PRINCE ALBERT, HUDSON BAY REGIONAL PARK, TOBIN LAKE.

Phenology

<u>Time of Year</u>	<u>Phenology</u>
July (1st half)	Fruiting
July (2nd half)	Fruiting
June (1st half)	Flowering
June (2nd half)	Flowering

Phenology Comments:

The fruit is a brown capsule similar to other Lady's slippers.

Reproduction and Ecology Comments

Reproduction Comments:

Currently no reproduction notes for this species.

Management Needs:

Currently no Management needs for this species.

Management Comments:

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Activity restrictions require year round **low** intensity activity be limited to **foot traffic only** adjacent to populations, **medium** intensity activities* should occur only at distances greater than **25 metres** from the population and **high** intensity activities* at distances greater than **50 metres** from the population.

*Examples of **medium** intensity activity include small vehicles <1 ton, ATVs, operating oil or gas wells, pipelines, trucks>1 ton (gravel, oil, grain), tractors (including farm tractors), pipeline construction (diameters <1 foot), operating compressor station or battery.

Examples of **high intensity activity include road construction, roads, drilling rigs, mines and quarries, construction of compressor station or battery, forest harvest, large-diameter pipeline construction, seismic exploration, blasting, rock crushing, asphalt batching, gravel pit.

References

Reference ID Citation