



# Small Yellow Lady's Slipper

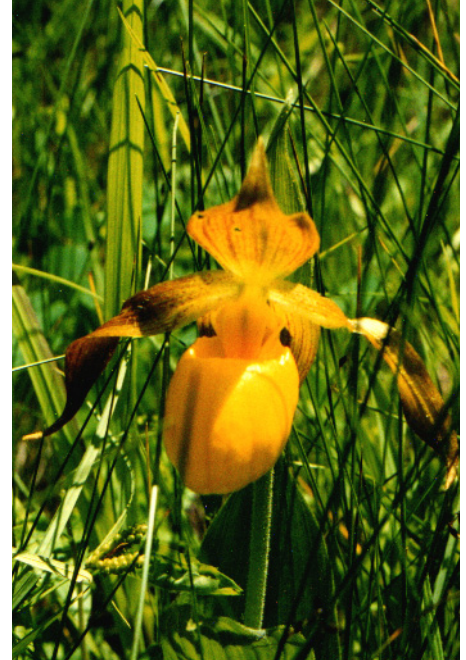
The delightful Small Yellow Lady's Slipper is, for the most part, a tinier version of the familiar Yellow Lady's Slipper.

Stems are 12 to 42 cms long, and can number as many as 12 from its lateral rhizome. The roots are many and string-like in appearance. Each stem may feature 2 to 5 elliptical, heavily ribbed leaves (5 to 15 cm long and 2.5 to 8 cm wide). The glandular hairs of the leaf are a known irritant to sensitive skin.

The inflorescence generally supports one flower, and a towering ovate, foliate bract (2.5 to 7 cm long, 5 to 2.5 cm wide). The yellow pouch or lip is 1.5 to 3 cm long. The dorsal sepal (2 to 4 cm long and 0.5 to 1.5 cm wide) is ovate but tapers. The lateral sepals are joined and situated below the lip (they are smaller than the dorsal sepal). Spiralling petals (2.5 cm long and 3 to 6 cm wide) are lance linear, and matching in colour to the reddish-brown sepals, marking the only difference (besides size) between this orchid and *Cypripedium calceolus* var. *pubescens*' yellow-green colour. It takes an average of twelve years for the plant to flower after germination.

The range of the Small Yellow Lady's Slipper is vast in Canada, sweeping from Newfoundland and the 49th Parallel to the Yukon Territory. It thrives in a variety of habitats, including bogs, meadows, wet prairies, and hardwood forests. It tolerates both shade and direct sunlight, as well as differing soil types.

Look for this plant's blooms from late May to the end of June.



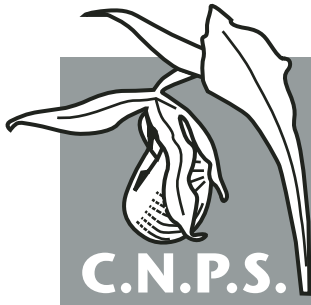
Small Yellow Lady's Slipper  
*Cypripedium calceolus*, var. *parviflorum*  
Photo by Bud Ewacha

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your membership.**



## 2009 CNPS Field Trip Schedule

Please note the following schedule for planned CNPS field trips.

**Saturday, June 27 - Brokenhead Wetlands and  
Belair Provincial Forest**

Dragon's Mouth Orchid, Moccasin Flower  
and many other orchids.

**Saturday, July 4 - Trans-Canada East**

Milkweed, Cactus, Iron Weed, Lilies  
and other native plants.

**Saturday, July 11 - Woodridge Area**

Showy Lady's-slippers, Small Round-leaved Orchids,  
Blunt-leaved Orchid, and other native plants.

Field trips are limited to members of CNPS and their families. There will be a \$10 charge to cover the costs of these field trips, and you may have to sign a liability waiver. Please use your own discretion as to whether you are able to participate depending on the degree of difficulty walking. We can't guarantee that you will see every plant mentioned in bloom, but we do guarantee an interesting and informative hike with wonderful people, plants and animals to meet. If interested, please contact Bud Ewacha as early as possible at 253-4741.

Please dress suitably for the weather, as we intend to go rain or shine. Hats, lunches, sun-screen and drinking water are strongly recommended. You will be notified if a trip has to be cancelled or postponed for any reason.

## Volunteer Desktop Publisher / Writer Needed

CNPS is looking for someone with desktop-publishing and writing experience to work on its quarterly newsletter.

That person will have access to a scanner; and access to a computer with a publishing program, the ability to provide a colour hard-copy or CD for printing, and a PDF file of the finished product for posting on the CNPS website. Writing experience is preferred, but not essential.

Please express any interest or questions to Bud Ewacha at 253-4741.



# CNPS Member Survey

The Board of Directors would like to hear from the members of Conserve Native Plants Society. We would like to know about your interests and activities with native plants and what you would like the Society to do. Please give us information on the following questions:

**A** What is your involvement with native plants?  
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What are you most interested in, regarding these plants?  
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Do you have any information about native plants in your area that may be of interest to other members?  
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Do you have any general information about native plants that could be included in the newsletter?  
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**B** What type of information would you like to read about in the newsletter?  
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Would you like to write or submit newsletter articles, or know someone who would?  
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Would you prefer to receive your newsletter on paper or by email (as an Acrobat PDF file)?  
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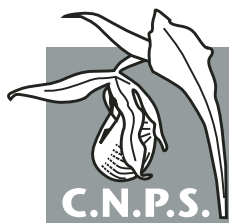
**C** Do you have any suggestions for projects for Society members?  
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Do you know of any native plants that are in danger of being destroyed by construction, road building, or other activity?  
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What should we do in these situations, if anything?  
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**D** Would you like to know who else is a member in your area and to share your name with them?  
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Would you like to have information pamphlets to distribute in your area about the Society and plants?  
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We thank you for taking the time to give us your thoughts.

When completed, please mail this questionnaire to:

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