

California Lady's Slipper

Cypripedium californicum
Orchid Family, *Orchidaceae*



This rare plant has a very unusual flower. Favoring wet hillsides and rocky ledges, you may find it growing in a tall clump. Leaves are oval, alternate, 5-15 cm, 2-6 in long. The floral stem may hold up to twelve small flowers. Each flower has yellow green sepals and mostly white petals. But the lower petal, the lip, gives this plant its name. It is significantly larger than the other flower parts and looks like a pillow, balloon, or slipper.

May-Jun • Ma, So, Me
30-120 cm, 1-4 ft



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This Orchid has white greenish flower parts and a long flower spike that takes up at least half the height of the plant. The flowers have two petals, and three petal like sepals with dark green veins and a long spur pointed down. Numerous flowers grow in a spike. The plant has 2-5 linear, basal leaves which are often already dried up at flowering. You may find Coastal Piperia in dry open sites. Also known as *Habenaria elegans*.

All Orchids have a symbiotic relationship with fungi that make it difficult to use in native gardens. Never dig plants from the wild.

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