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### SPARROW'S-EGG LADY'S SLIPPER

*Cypripedium passerinum* Richards

In D. S. Correll's fine book "Native Orchids of North America" I find this statement: "The Sparrow's-egg Lady's Slipper is almost transcontinental in its distribution. It is essentially a far northern plant, and doubtless grows well within the Arctic Circle." However that may be, it thrives far south of the Circle. The largest colony I have seen, 10 feet wide with 100 or more flowers in bloom at once, was in Bow Valley within the city of Calgary. It seems to occur more often in Alberta and Saskatchewan than in Manitoba. It likes shade and moisture. Stems 8 to 15 inches high with almost always one flower, lip white with purple spots inside.