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The following list of orchids of Athens County is taken from the herbarium sheets in my collection at Athens High School; the notes are from my own observation and experience; the orchids are classified and numbered according to the system of the Ohio State University Herbarium. The name, according to the International Code, is included in parenthesis. The dates given are the dates when first placed in my herbarium. Recent observations have been made and most of the stations are still intact.

I have not listed *Cypripedium parviflorum* Salisb. (*C. calceolus* L. var. *parviflorum* (Salisb.) Fern.) Yellow Lady's slipper, or *Fissipes acaulis* (Ait.) Small (*Cypripedium acaule* Ait), Moccasin Flower, because I have not collected them in Athens County. Both are listed in the Ohio University Herbarium. Mr. Leonard L. Stephenson, of Buchtel, Ohio, has collected *C. parviflorium* but not *F. acaulis* in Athens County. Dr. William C. Stehr and Dr. A. H. Bickel, of Ohio University, reported seeing both in Athens County. My grandfather collected both of them on the outskirts of Athens, Ohio, forty-five years ago.

It seems to me that Athens County has a wide variety of flora, and that this list of orchids represents a rather large variety of species.

1. (639) *Galeorchis spectabilis* (L) Rydb. (*Orchis spectabilis* L.) Showy Orchis. 5/16/37. Common in damp woods, usually in beech woods. Not plentiful but no difficulty finding specimens in woods close to Athens, Ohio, at present time. It has a delightful odor, the only orchid I know of which does have an odor.


3. (648) *Blephariglottis lacera* (Mx.) Farw. (*Habenaria lacera* (Mx.) Spreng) 7/21/40. Ragged fringed Orchis. Marshy hillside near The Plains, Ohio. A small area with plants unusual to the locality including *Filipendula rubra*, *Pteris aquilina* L., *Ilex verticillata* (L), *Micranthes pennsylvanica* (L). This is the southermost record for *M. pennsylvanica* in Ohio. Another station for *B. lacera* is Carthage Twp. shown to me by Harold Moore.

4. (650) *Blephariglottis paramoena* (Gr.) Rydb. (*Habenaria paramoena* Gray). Fringeless Purple Orchid. Open swampy areas. One station, now being obliterated, still showed one specimen at edge of city street in Athens, Ohio, in July, 1951. It disappears with the coming of shrubby growth in the swamps. It also seems to come and go in an area in five to seven year cycles.


8. (659) *Ibidium beckii* (Lindl.) House (*Spiranthes tuberosa* Raf.) 8/7/37. Little Ladies Tresses. Waterloo Twp., Enderlin Forest, and Izaak Walton Farm. The Enderlin specimen growing in open space in pine planting. The Izaak Walton specimen in grassy area at edge of oak woods. Not common in this area. Seems to like more moisture than some of the other members of this genus. It has a more slender stem than the Slender Ladies Tresses. Several of this species given to me by Leonard L. Stephenson at Buchtel, Ohio, where it is more common.


12. (667) *Liparis liliifolia* (L) Rich. May 27, 1937. Large Tway Blade. Growing in swampy area at Izaak Walton Farm in Waterloo Twp. Subsequent specimens found in beech woods and some in dry situations. Some argument about the first specimen but I could not convince anyone that it was the Fen Tway Blade.


16. (673) *Corallorrhiza wisteriana* Conrad. 4/26/38. Wister’s Coral Root Athens Twp. Peach Ridge near Athens, Ohio. I found this plant first growing in middle of an old path in beech woods. Mainly in open places among dead leaves. It blooms very early in the spring and is soon gone.