

ORCHID FAMILY

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Calopogon Grass Pink Bearded Pink

Calopogon tuberosus.

Found in swamps and wet grounds, in July.

The smooth, green, flower-stem rises directly from the root, to the height of about a foot.

One grass-like, green leaf grows from the root.

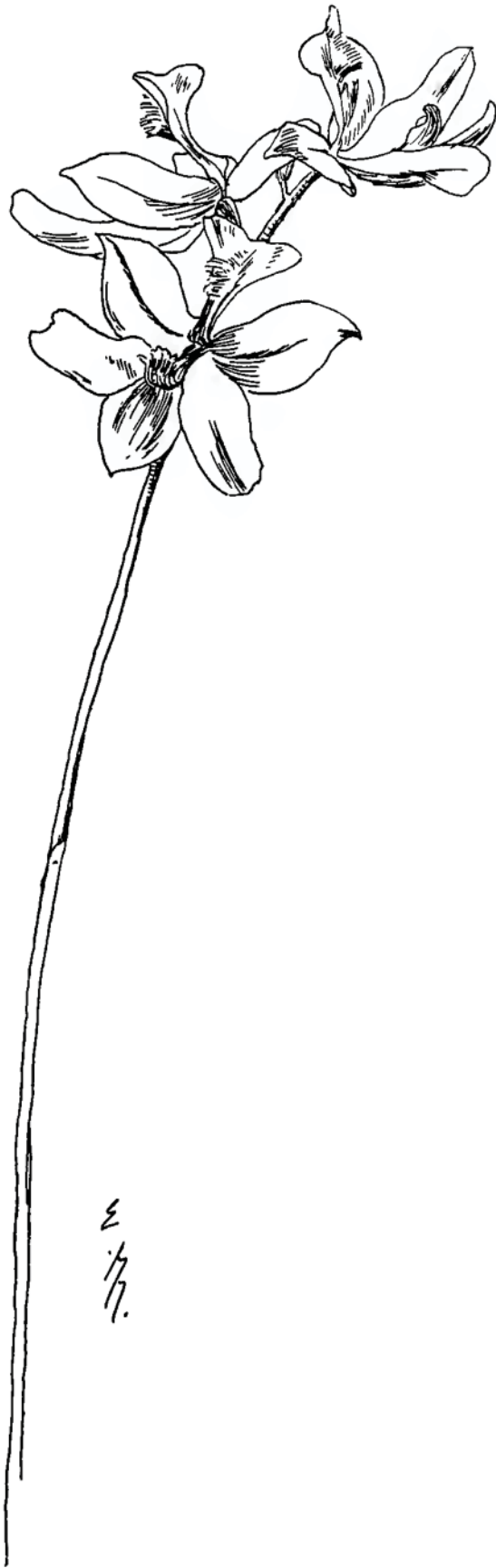


The lower petal of the blossom is wedge-shaped, with a prolonged base, and somewhat fringed in the center,—owing to the straightness of the foot-stem it points upward; the other petals and calyx-parts are pointed-oval in shape; the pistil is petal-like, and curling. The color of the flower is dark magenta, the fringes on the lip being magenta and yellow. From 2 to 6 flowers, on very short foot-stems, grow upon the single stem.

The lip is provided with a hinge, which permits it to fall, and rest upon the curling tip of the pistil beneath.

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