

## ORCHID FAMILY

ORCHIDACEAE



### Rose Pogonia Snakemouth Orchid

*Pogonia ophioglossoides.*

Found in swamps and other moist grounds during June and July.

The stalk grows between 6 and 9 inches high: it is smooth, and slender: the color is green.

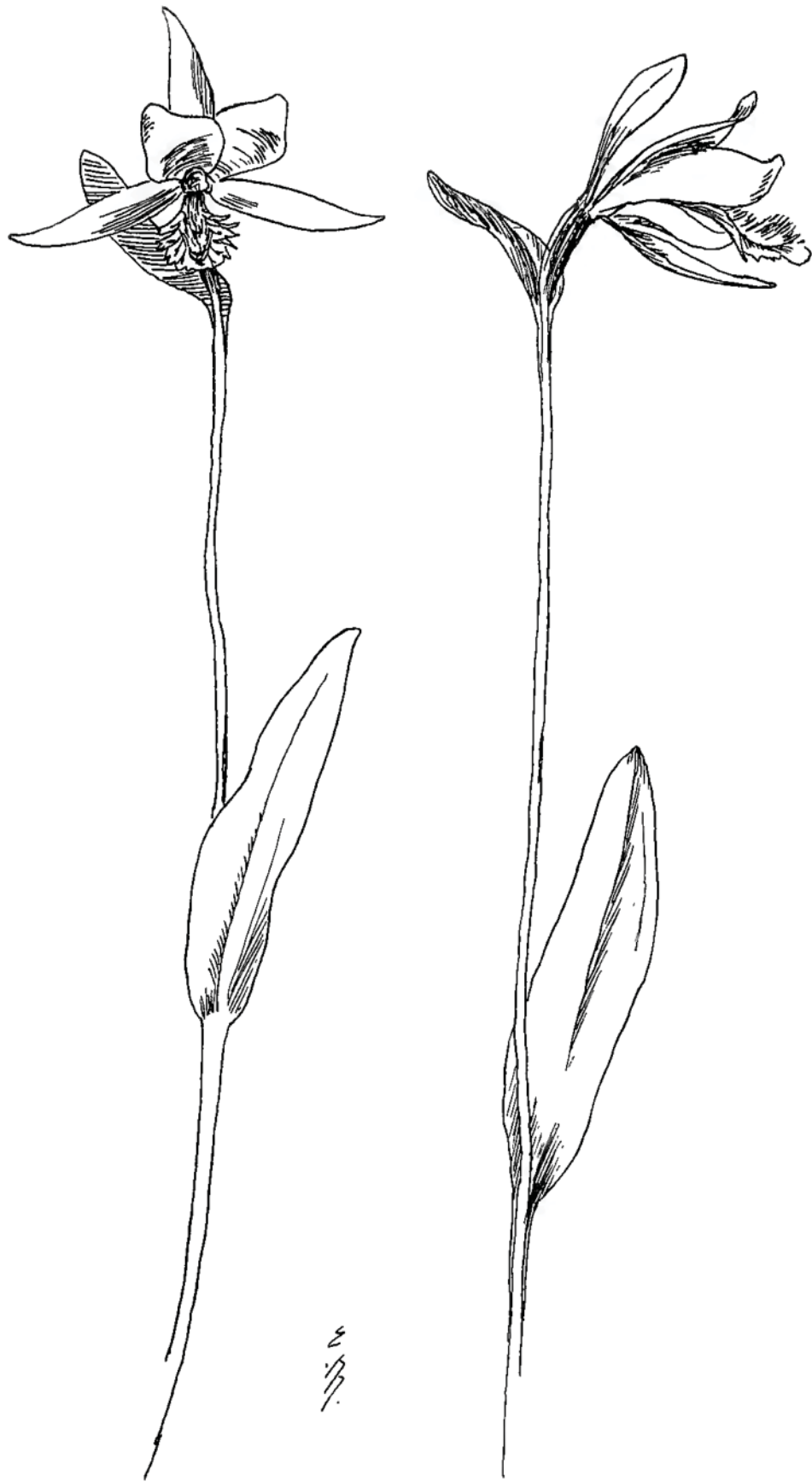
The leaf is oval, with a thick texture, and smooth surface. Color, a rather light green. Only 2 leaves clasp the stalk, one about midway, and another, much smaller, quite near the flower.



The 5 petals and calyx-parts are long, and narrow, and spread apart to disclose the “bearded” lower petal (or lip): their color is a light rose-pink, the fringed lip being darker, with a pale yellow “beard.” The flower is poised lightly upon the summit of the stalk.

This is one of the prettiest of our Orchids: its fragrance is fresher, and less heavy than that of many of its stouter relatives.

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