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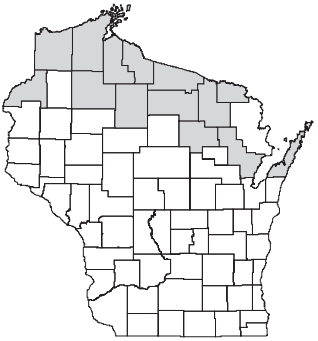
# Calypso Orchid

*(Calypso bulbosa)*

**Federal Status: Not Listed**
**State Status: Threatened**

**Description:** The calypso orchid is a delicate flower that grows about 8 inches tall. Its blossom is shaped somewhat like a slipper, with purple side petals and a white or yellow lip. A solitary broad, pointed, evergreen leaf emerges in late August and remains through winter. The calypso orchid blossoms from late May through early July.

**Habitat:** The calypso orchid is found mainly in mature conifer forests, especially in mossy swamps dominated by white cedar. In Wisconsin, it has been seen only in the northern counties of the state.

**Forestry Considerations:** The calypso orchid is intolerant of canopy loss. Therefore, single-tree selection would be the preferred forestry technique in areas where this orchid grows.