



NODDING LADIES-TRESSES

Spiranthes cernua

Located in wet meadows, swamps and bogs throughout the Division. Also known as Common or Drooping Ladies-tresses, Wild tube-rose and Screw-auger.

Erect herbs from fleshy, potatoe-like rootstalks; 10 to 60 cm high. Leaves mostly arising from the base, linear to narrowly oblong lance-shaped, firm, pale green; to 30 cm long and 1.5 cm wide. Flowering stalk is slender, hairy near the top; 2 to 15 cm long; flowering spike densely covered in 3 rows with vanilla scented, white or yellowish, nodding flowers; blooming from mid-August to November. Flowers appearing to have 3 upper, and 2 lateral petals and a larger, oblong or narrowly egg-shaped lip.