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Pogonia ophioglossoides

[Synonyms : *Arethusa ophioglossoides*, *Pogonia ophioglossoides* var. *brachypogon*]

ROSE POGONIA is an orchid. Native to eastern North America it has small fragrant, rose pink (occasionally white) flowers with a yellow bristled lip.

It is also known as Adder's mouth, Adder's-tongue arethusa, Adder's tongue pogonia, Beard flower, Crested-ettercap, Ettercap, Goldcrest orchid, Pogonia, Rose-crested orchid, Rose-crest-lip, Snakemouth, Snakemouthed arethusa, Snakemouth orchid, Sweet-crest-orchis, and Sweet pogonia.

Today this orchid is rare.

Ophioglossoides is made up of the genus name *Ophioglossum* and Greek *-oides* (like) components meaning 'like plants in that (adder's tongue fern) genus'.