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Triphora trianthophora

[Synonyms : *Arethusa trianthophorus*, *Pogonia trianthophora*, *Triphora trianthophora* var. *schaffneri*, *Triphora trianthopora*]

THREE-BIRDS ORCHID is an orchid. Native to south-eastern North America it has small lilac, pink or whitish flowers with a purplish-green crested, white lip.

It is also known as Little bird orchid, Nodding cap, and Three-birds.

Trianthophora is derived from Greek *tri-* (three), *antho-* (flower) and *-phoros* (bearing, carrying) components meaning ‘bearing three flowers’.