

Propagation and Planting of the Kentucky Ladyslipper Orchid

Accomplishments 2007

The purpose of the project was to grow 500 state and federally rare Kentucky ladyslipper orchids (*Cypripedium kentuckiense*) from seed and transplant them onto the Kisatchie N.F. This project has been a cooperative effort between public volunteers and interest groups, federal agencies, state agencies and the forest service.

To date, the seedlings have been purchased, shipped, and established in greenhouse growing facilities. We expect to transplant one year old plants that are particularly robust into wild sites in the fall of 2007. The balance of the orchids will be transplanted to wild sites in the fall of 2008.

We have also successfully outreached the project to the following organizations: Alexandria Town Talk, Leesville Daily Leader, Orchid Magazine (AOS), LA Wildlife Federation Magazine, KALB TV – 5, and the Society for Ecological Restoration's Annual Symposium.



Kevin Allen, high school student that recovered the viable *CYKE* seed pod.



Byron McGraw, founder of CLOS, beside *CYKE* seedlings after 4 months growth.

Year Awarded: 2007

Project completion: 2009

Report number: 1 of 3

Expenditures:

- FY07 funding: \$ 12,000
- Expend: \$ 3,200
- Remaining: \$ 8,800

Partners/Contractors/Coop: Central Louisiana Orchid Society, Southwest Regional Orchid Growers' Assoc., Spangle Creek Labs, Louisiana Natural Heritage Program, Natural Resources Conservation Service

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