

BENTON COUNTY IRVM

Oval Ladies' Tresses (*Spiranthes ovalis*)

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This tiny orchid hides in shady woodland areas. It only grows to be 3-12 inches tall. Up to fifty tiny white flowers run in a tight spiral that bloom from the bottom to the top. Oval Ladies' Tresses are a threatened species in the state of Iowa, meaning they are on the verge of becoming endangered.



Oval Ladies' Tresses Quick Facts:

- Classification: Forb
- Life Cycle: Perennial
- Flower Color: White
- Bloom Time: Fall



Oval Ladies' Tresses are similar to Nodding Ladies' Tresses. However, Oval Ladies' Tresses are much smaller and live in shady wooded areas.