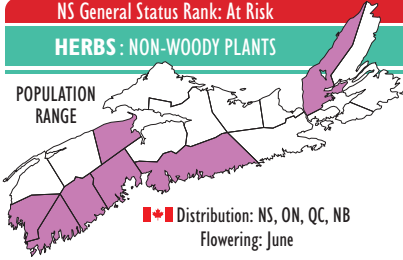




POPULATION RANGE



■ ■ Distribution: NS, ON, QC, NB
Flowering: June

SIZE: 15-30 cm tall.

LEAVES: Two in total that are ovate, green, and 1-2 cm long. They attach directly to the stem and wrap around it at the base (clasping).

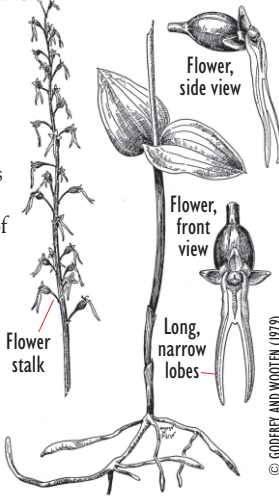
STEM: Slender, and unbranched.

FLOWERS: In a long, narrow, cluster (inflorescence) at the top of the plant. They are small, greenish-purple to dull red and non-showy with a bottom lip that has two long narrow lobes, 6-10 mm long. The flower stalks (pedicels) have fine hairs covering them.

FRUITS: Ovate capsules.

NOTES:

This species was named in honour of the great naturalist, Martin Lister.



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Habitat:

Shaded bogs and swamps, typically with trees and mosses, and moist forests.

Interesting point:

When the flower of this plant is touched by insects, the flower secretes an adhesive which helps stick pollen to the insect.

Similar species:

Heartleaf Twayblade (*Listera cordata*) has flowers with a shorter bottom lip (always less than 5 mm long) and leaves that are more heart-shaped than ovate.



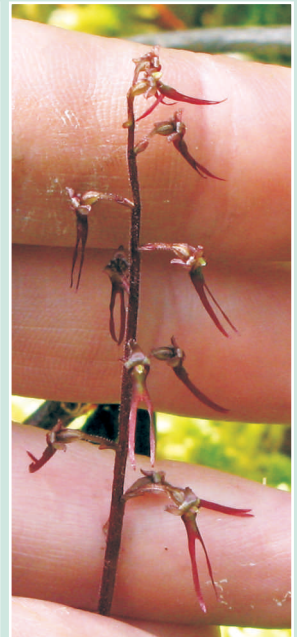
Heartleaf Twayblade

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Fruit capsules

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Flowers, with fingers for scale

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