

Although 64 flower species are covered, eight of these are repetitions. That is, the text and photos are virtually identical. I do not see the point of this. A list of plants with overlapping flowering times would have been sufficient. In the extra space the authors could have added some new plants.

### Orchids of Manitoba

By D. Ames, P. B. Acheson, L. Heshka, B. Joyce, J. Newfeld, R. Reeves, E. Reimer, and I. Ward. 2005. Native Orchid Conservation Inc., 117 Morier Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada. \$17.95 + shipping charges.

This 158-page book with soft covers includes 36 orchid species known to occur in the province of Manitoba. It contains 218 absolutely beautiful colour pictures of different aspects of these delightful orchid plants in the text plus two more on the front and back covers.

The text begins with acknowledgements to all the individuals who have provided suggestions towards the book's production, the Manitoba Conservation staff for their guidance and the use of their maps, Kromar Printing for their assistance and getting the colours just right, and the financial support provided by the Province of Manitoba Special Conservation Fund, Shell Environmental Fund, and The Winnipeg Foundation. It is also noted here that the Native Orchid Conservation Inc., the publisher of this book, is a non-profit organization formed in 1998 to protect unique mini-ecosystems and their plant communities. This is followed by "A Brief History of Orchids," "Conservation and Biology," "Protection of Species and Ecosystems," "Orchid Biology," "Orchid Habitat" (including a map of Ecozones of Manitoba and sixteen pictures of habi-

This book would make a delightful gift for a traveller, cottage owner or those who simply like a good walk.

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tats), a "Key to the Orchids of Manitoba" (when in flower), and an "Introduction to the Species Accounts." The latter provides information on scientific names, abundance, habitat, flowering time, description, aids to identification and range maps.

Pages 45 to 145 are devoted to the illustrations, the distribution maps, and the most interesting descriptive text for the 36 orchid species treated in this book. Each descriptive page provides information on the common and scientific names, abundance, habitat, flowering time, descriptive information, aids to identification, and additional comments. The flowering times for Manitoba orchids are presented in alphabetical order of the scientific names with the common names in brackets on pages 146 to 148. This is followed by a bibliography on pages 149 to 151 and a Glossary on pages 152 to 155 and an Index on pages 156 to 157 which contains scientific names, common names and selective descriptive names to help the readers. In addition, a "Foreword" was provided by Paul M. Catling.

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### ENVIRONMENT

#### Environmentalism Unbound: Exploring New Pathways for Change

By Robert Gottlieb. 2005. MIT Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA. 2001. 287 pages. US\$74.25 Cloth, \$20.83 Paper.

Robert Gottlieb is professor of Urban and Environmental Policy at Occidental College in California, and his study area involves a variety of environmental policies and practices, mostly in the Los Angeles area. In our modern world, where diversity is publicized as the omen of political correctness, but where the survival of the richest is often the motivating factor, environmental awareness is reduced to single questions which can be handled by one-issue political campaigns. Single issues may facilitate winnable environmental battles but the strategy can leave other important areas without advocates. Gottlieb places the environment into the context of the whole sphere of life and shows connected parts interacting to create our quality of life-style. Unfortunately, as an urban environmentalist, his examples more often show how each of the parts has been contaminated by different political and com-

mercial interests and the big picture purposely left as a large unexamined grey area. This book is an attempt to reconcile many interests and show inroads which have already been made and can reasonably expect to be made in a number of industries by response to human needs, well-planned activism and some creative thinking.

The focus of the book is urban environmentalism exclusively in the United States, but as a study of that country, it informs us of the actions of environmental groups, the battles they fight and the progress they have been making. The ideas presented are ones which were studied in Los Angeles but the implications for change are important for the rest of North America. Is there an alternative in the dry cleaning industry to the solvent perchloroethylene? Can fresh fruits and vegetables be locally grown and marketed outside of multinational grocery and food distribution companies? And can the cleaning industry perform their service