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In June 2006 Chelsea Keiffer found two colonies at different times in different places in the Island County Washington in the San Juan Islands. She realized that they were not the typical spotted coralroot, *Corallorhiza maculata*, of the region and took several excellent photographs. After consulting with Melissa Rathbun of the *Washington Native Orchid Society*, Melissa suspected that they were the rare *Corallorhiza maculata* var. *ozettensis*, a taxon that Melissa and I had discussed previously but that neither of us had seen in the wild, and sent the photos on to me. At that point I confirmed the identification.

When Ed Tisch discovered the plants on the mainland of the Olympic Peninsula he unfortunately did not take any photographs. In preparing *Wild Orchids of the Pacific Northwest and Canadian Rockies* (2006) all we had to work with was the drawing of the individual flowers in Ed's original description and several images of the type specimen. Stan Folsom then did a

painting of an individual flower based upon these descriptions and images. The painting included in *Wild Orchids of the Pacific Northwest...* illustrates an older flower with more coloring per Tisch's description. These photos by Chelsea are the first known photos of the variety. This information arrive a few days too late to be included in the *North American Native Orchid Journal* vol. 12 and is send now as an addendum and may be place on the blank last page and considered page 72. (PMB)



*Corallorhiza maculata* var. *ozettensis*  
San Juan Islands, WA June 2006  
photos by Chelsea Keiffer

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