

Spiranthes Sinensis



Named by L Richard 1818 – more than 300 species in genus – occurs every country except Africa.

The name from Greek – ‘speira’ a screw and ‘anthos’ a flower.

In Australia *Spiranthes Sinensis* occurs in all states except Western Australia. Also in New Zealand.

On Bribie Island, *Spiranthes* grows in damp areas in peaty sand close to the zones of Wallum and open woodland country.

Prefers a high water table below.

Once a very common orchid seen on Bribie growing on footpaths (damp situations) and in yards. I had this specie in my yard when I bought the land in 1969 -also *Geodorum*. With dry conditions only the *Geodorum* survives now.

Also in grassland close to creeks.

Possible pollination by Meadow Argus Butterfly (*Precis Villida Calybe*).

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