many strengths will provide the base on which those of us who are working on facets of the flora of New England can build.

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SPIRANTHES TUBEROSA. NEW FOR KANSAS—During a study of the family Orchidaceae in Kansas, it was discovered that several specimens of *Spiranthes tuberosa* Raf. had been collected in southeastern Kansas (Bourbon, Cherokee and Woodson Counties) and mistakenly identified as the more common *S. gracilis* (Bigel.) Beck. This orchid has previously been reported from Massachusetts, through the Atlantic States, south to southcentral Florida, west to eastern Texas, Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri and also Michigan. These specimens represent an extension northwestward of the range of the species.

REPRESENTATIVE SPECIMENS EXAMINED: Bourbon Co.: open wooded hillside, rocky clay soil, not common, 2 mi s of Uniontown, 2 October 1955, McGregor 11110 (KANU). Cherokee Co.: sandy rocky soil under Quercus alba and Q. stellata, not common, 5½ mi e of Baxter Springs, 3 October 1955, McGregor 11055 (KANU). Woodson Co.: open oak wooded bank, sandy soil, rare, Lake Fegan, Woodson Co. State Park, 25 September 1955, Lathrop 1884 (KANU).

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