

Bulbophyllum baileyi

Name and Authority

Bulbophyllum baileyi F.Muell.

Synonyms (previous names)

Bulbophyllum punctatum; *Bulbophyllum caryophyllum*; *Carpantomorchis baileyi*; *Phyllorkis baileyi*; *Phyllorkis punctata*; *Sestochilos baileyi*

Common Name

Fruit Fly Orchid

Originally Described by

Ferdinand von Mueller in *Fragmenta Phytographiae Australiae* 9(72): 5 (1875)

Distribution and Habitat

Northern Kimberley, growing on an unknown host. The [species](#) has not been found in Western Australia for some years but is common in some Torres Strait islands, far north Queensland, New Guinea and Indonesia. The photos here were taken from a specimen collected by Harry Butler and cultivated in the Herbarium shade-house by Andrew Brown.

Flowering Months

Jan Feb Oct Nov Dec

Description

An [epiphytic](#) or [lithophytic](#) orchid with widely spaced, curved, greenish or yellowish pseudobulbs 15–30 mm long by 10–15 mm wide emerging from an elongated creeping [rhizome](#). Each [pseudobulb](#) has a single oblong, thick, fleshy, pale green to yellowish-green leaf 80–200 mm long by 40–60 mm wide and, when flowering, a single upward-facing, cream to creamy yellow red or purple spotted flower 20–40 mm wide.

Distinguishing Features

The [species](#) has no close relatives in Western Australia.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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