

Caladenia barbarella

Name and Authority

Caladenia barbarella Hopper & A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Caladenia sp. (Murchison); Drakonorchis barbarella

Common Name

Small Dragon Orchid

Complex Name

Caladenia barbarossa (Dragon Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in Nuytsia 14:162-166, Figs. 34A-F (2001)

Distribution and Habitat

Ajana to Nerren Nerren Station, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soils in seasonally wet depressions.

Flowering Months

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Description

A geographically restricted **species** with a scarcely hairy leaf 30–50 mm long by 5–7 mm wide and one (rarely two) creamy-white, greenish-yellow and red flowers 18–20 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Common Dragon Orchid (*Caladenia barbarossa*) and Narrow-lipped Dragon Orchid (*C. mesocera*) by its smaller flowers and more northerly distribution. It is the only member of the **complex** to grow north of Geraldton.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Threatened (Endangered)

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