

Caladenia cairnsiana

Name and Authority

Caladenia cairnsiana F.Muell.

Synonyms (previous names)

Calonema cairnsianum; Calonemorichis cairnsiana; Jonesiopsis cairnsiana; Phlebochilus cairnsianum

Common Name

Zebra Orchid

Complex Name

Caladenia cairnsiana (Zebra Orchids)

Originally Described by

Ferdinand von Mueller in Fragmenta Phytographiae Australiae 7(51): 31 (1869)

Distribution and Habitat

Cervantes to Israelite Bay, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soils in forests, woodlands and shrublands.

Flowering Months

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Description

A wide spread species 150–400 mm high with a hairy leaf 60–150 mm long by 5–7 mm wide and up to two greenish-yellow and red flowers 10–15 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Dwarf Zebra Orchid (*Caladenia pachychila*) by its taller scapes, larger darker-coloured flowers, hanging petals and lateral sepals and wider, more rounded labellum which is held well above the horizontal and has a smaller apical callus.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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