

Caladenia erythronema

Name and Authority

Caladenia erythronema A.P.Br. & G.Brockman

Synonyms (previous names)

Caladenia sp. 'Wyalkatchem'; Caladenia sp. 'Nyabing'

Common Name

Red Thread Spider Orchid

Complex Name

Caladenia filamentosa (Wispy Spider Orchids)

Originally Described by

Andrew Brown & Garry Brockman in Nuytsia 25:76-79, Fig. 13 (2015)

Distribution and Habitat

Dowering to Nyabing, growing in sandy-clay soils in open woodlands and shrublands.

Flowering Months

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Description

A common **species** 200–300 mm high with a dull hairy leaf 60–100 mm long by 3-5 mm wide and up to three red, yellow or cream flowers 30–60 mm across. The **petals** and **sepals** are covered in deep-red hairs which are particularly noticeable in the early morning or late afternoon sunlight.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Chameleon Spider Orchid (*Caladenia dimidia*) by its usually longer, **pendulous petals** and **lateral sepals** and its often more colourful dull red to pinkish-red, rather than cream or pale yellow flowers.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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