Caladenia evanescens

Name and Authority

Caladenia evanescens Hopper & A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Calonema evanescens; Calonemorchis evanescens; Jonesiopsis evanescens

Common Name

Semaphore Spider Orchid

Complex Name

Caladenia filamentosa (Wispy Spider Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in Nuytsia 14:225,226, Fig. 49M-R (2001)

Distribution and Habitat

Two Peoples Bay to Peaceful Bay, growing in deep sandy soils in coastal shrublands. The <u>species</u> has been found on just two occasions, both times in the season following summer fire.



Caladenia evanescens distribution



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Flowering Months

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Description

An elusive <u>species</u> 150–200 mm high with a hairy leaf 100–150 mm long by 4–5 mm wide and up to two cream to greenish-cream flowers 35–40 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Coastal Spider Orchid (Caladenia abbreviata) by its shorter <u>petals</u> and <u>sepals</u> and projecting <u>labellum</u> apex. Otherwise it is very similar and may be an <u>aberrant</u> form of that <u>species</u>.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Priority One

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