

Caladenia excelsa

Name and Authority

Caladenia excelsa Hopper & A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Arachnorchis excelsa; Calonemorchis excelsa

Common Name

Giant Spider Orchid

Complex Name

Caladenia longicauda (White Spider Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in Nuytsia 14:68-71, Figs. 8L-R (2001)

Distribution and Habitat

Dunsborough to Witchcliffe, growing in sandy soils in forests and woodlands.

Flowering Months

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Description

A large flowered [species](#) 450–900 mm high with a hairy leaf 200–350 mm long by 6–12 mm wide and up to three creamy-white to greenish-cream flowers 70–150 mm across. The [labellum](#) has a prominent red tip.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from other members of the *Caladenia longicauda* [complex](#) by its very large flowers, often lax [dorsal sepal](#) and red tipped [labellum](#).

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Threatened (Endangered)

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