

# Caladenia exilis subsp. exilis

## Name and Authority

**Caladenia exilis** Hopper & A.P.Br. **subsp. exilis**

## Synonyms (previous names)

*Caladenia varians* subsp. *exilis*; *Calonemorichis exilis*; *Jonesiopsis exilis* subsp. *exilis*;

## Common Name

Salt Lake Spider Orchid

## Complex Name

*Caladenia filamentosa* (Wispy Spider Orchids)

## Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in *Nuytsia* 14:227-229 (2001)

## Distribution and Habitat

Woodaniling to Nyabing and also between Pithara and Gunyidi, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soils in woodlands and shrublands, often in areas surrounding salt lakes and flats.

## Flowering Months

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## Description

A common subspecies 150–250 mm high with a hairy leaf 40–100 mm long by 4–7 mm wide and up to three white to creamy-white flowers 40–60 mm across.

## Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the subsp. *vanleeuwenii* by its consistently creamy-white rather than variably creamy-white, red or yellow flowers. From the more distantly related Common Spider Orchid (*Caladenia varians*) it is distinguished by its smaller flowers, usually narrower petals and sepals, smaller, narrower labellum and confinement to salt lake margins and winter-wet flats.

## WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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