

Caladenia flava subsp. sylvestris

Name and Authority

Caladenia flava subsp. sylvestris Hopper & A.P.Br.

Common Name

Karri Cowslip Orchid

Complex Name

Caladenia latifolia (Fairy Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in Nuytsia 14:177,178, Figs. 38A-D (2001)

Distribution and Habitat

Dwellingup to Manypeaks (town), growing in sandy, sandy-clay and lateritic soils in forests and woodlands.

Flowering Months

..... Oct Nov Dec

Description

A late-flowering *subspecies* 100–300 mm high with a hairy leaf, 50–150 mm long by 12–15 mm wide, which is tinged reddish-purple on the underside and up to three pale yellow and creamy-white, red-marked flowers 20–25 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the other *subspecies* by its taller stature, generally smaller, paler coloured flowers, later flowering period (when compared to most populations of other *subspecies*) and confinement to the high rainfall lower southwest corner of the State.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed

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