

Caladenia hirta subsp. hirta

Name and Authority

Caladenia hirta Lindl. **subsp. hirta**

Synonyms (previous names)

Caladenia tenuis; *Arachnorchis hirta*; *Calonema hirtum*; *Calonemorhis hirta*

Common Name

Sugar Candy Orchid

Complex Name

Caladenia hirta (Candy Orchids)

Originally Described by

John Lindley in *A Sketch of the Vegetation of the Swan River Colony*: lii. (1840)

Distribution and Habitat

Arrowsmith to Albany, growing in sandy, sandy-clay and lateritic soils in forests and woodlands.

Flowering Months

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Description

A distinctive **subspecies** 100–600 mm high with a hairy leaf 60–200 mm long by 6–20 mm wide and up to three (rarely to six) creamy-white flowers 30–50 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the subsp. *rosea* by its creamy-white, rather than pink flowers and distribution in higher rainfall coastal and south-west areas.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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