

Caladenia lateritica

Name and Authority

Caladenia lateritica K.W.Dixon & Christenh.

Synonyms (previous names)

Form of *Caladenia flava* subsp. *sylvestris*

Common Name

Forest Fairy Orchid

Complex Name

Caladenia latifolia (Fairy Orchids)

Originally Described by

Kingsley Dixon & Maarten Christenhusz in *Phytotaxa* 334: 88 (2018)

Distribution and Habitat

Dwellingup, growing in lateritic-loam in forests.

Flowering Months

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Description

A geographically restricted **species** 100–300 mm high with a hairy leaf, 50–150 mm long by 4–8 mm wide, which is tinged reddish-purple on the underside and up to three fragrant, creamy-white, red striped flowers 15–25 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is similar in appearance to Karri Cowslip Orchid (*Caladenia flava* subsp. *sylvestris*) which, although usually pale yellow and creamy-white in colour, can occasionally have wholly creamy-white flowers that are indistinguishable from those of *C. lateritica*.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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[*Caladenia lateritica* distribution](#)



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