

# Caladenia latifolia

## Name and Authority

**Caladenia latifolia** R.Br.

## Synonyms (previous names)

Caladenia elongata; Caladenia mollis; Caladenia latifolia var. angustifolia; Caladeniastrum latifolium

## Common Name

Pink Fairy

## Complex Name

Caladenia latifolia (Fairy Orchids)

## Originally Described by

Robert Brown in Prodr. 324 (1810)

## Distribution and Habitat

South of Denham to Israelite Bay, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soils in forests, woodlands and shrublands. In inland areas the [species](#) is found on low rises beside salt lakes and occasionally also on granite outcrops. The [species](#) is also found in South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania.

## Flowering Months

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## Description

A common [species](#) 120–450 mm high with a hairy leaf, 50–180 mm long by 12–15 mm wide, which is usually green on the underside, and up to four pink or white flowers 20–40 mm across.

## Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Little Pink Fairy (*Caladenia reptans*) by its taller flower scapes, larger, usually more numerous flowers and green backed, rather than maroon backed leaf.

## WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed

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