

Caladenia longicauda subsp. crassa

Name and Authority

Caladenia longicauda subsp. crassa Hopper & A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Arachnorchis longicauda subsp. *crassa*

Common Name

Esperance White Spider Orchid

Complex Name

Caladenia longicauda (White Spider Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in *Nuytsia* 14:114-115, Fig. 19T (2001)

Distribution and Habitat

Cape Arid to Bremer Bay, growing in clay and sandy-clay soils in seasonally moist woodlands and shrublands, flowering best in the season following summer fire.

Flowering Months

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Description

A large flowered [subspecies](#) 200–500 mm high with a hairy leaf 120–250 mm long by 8–14 mm wide and up to three predominantly creamy-white flowers 70–140 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the subsp. *eminens*, with which it co-occurs at the western edge of its distribution, by its generally larger flowers, usually longer [labellum fringe segments](#) and mostly more easterly distribution.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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