

Caladenia longicauda subsp. merrittii

Name and Authority

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

Synonyms (previous names)

Arachnorchis longicauda subsp. Merrittii

Common Name

Merritt's White Spider Orchid

Complex Name

Caladenia longicauda (White Spider Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in Nuytsia 14:117-118 (2001)

Distribution and Habitat

Augusta to Nannup, growing in sandy soils in forests and woodlands, flowering best in the season following summer fire.

Flowering Months

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Description

An impressive, large flowered [subspecies](#) 300–600 mm high with a hairy leaf 120–200 mm long by 6–10 mm wide and up to three creamy-white flowers 120–180 mm across. It has exceptionally long [petals](#) and [sepals](#).

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the similar subsp. longicauda by its longer [petals](#) and [sepals](#).

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed

Notes

Named in honour of WA Native Orchid Study and Conservation Group member(s): Wayne Merritt



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