Caladenia Iorea

Name and Authority

Caladenia lorea Hopper & A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Caladenia loreus; Arachnorchis lorea; Calonemorchis lorea

Common Name

Blushing Spider Orchid

Complex Name

Caladenia huegelii (King Spider Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in Nuytsia 14(1-2):127-130, Fig. 21E-I (2001)

Distribution and Habitat

Chittering to Eneabba with disjunct populations near Capel, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soil on the margins of seasonally wet flats and drainage lines. There is also a disjunct population near Capel



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Description

An attractive $\underline{\text{species}}$ 250–400 mm high with a hairy leaf 120–200 mm long by 7–10 mm wide and up to three creamy-white to pinkish-red flowers 70–120 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the similar Heberle's Spider Orchid (Caladenia heberleana) by its more narrowly <u>clubbed petals</u> and <u>sepals</u>, pinkish-red colouration and northerly distribution.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed

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