

Caladenia microchila

Name and Authority

Caladenia microchila Hopper & A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Calonema microchilum; Calonemorichis microchila; Jonesiopsis microchila

Common Name

Western Wispy Spider Orchid

Complex Name

Caladenia filamentosa (Wispy Spider Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in Nuytsia 14:250-253, Figs. 61A-F (2001)

Distribution and Habitat

Kondinin to Madura, growing on inland granite outcrops and rocky hills but also occurs on limestone ridges near the coast.

Flowering Months

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Description

A common **species** 90–250 mm high with a green, often basally reddish-purple, prominently hairy leaf 80–120 mm long by 2–3 mm wide and up to three white to creamy-white flowers 30–60 mm across. There are two forms – an inland form (the **type**) with spreading **petals** and **lateral sepals** and a coastal form with longer, often **pendulous petals** and **lateral sepals**.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Ironcaps Spider Orchid (*Caladenia paradoxa*) by its smaller, consistently cream flowers, usually upswept **petals** and narrower **labellum**.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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[Caladenia microchila distribution](#)



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