

Caladenia occidentalis

Name and Authority

Caladenia occidentalis Hopper & A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Caladenia variegata; *Calonema occidentale*; *Calonemorchis occidentalis*; *Jonesiopsis occidentalis*

Common Name

Ruby Spider Orchid

Complex Name

Caladenia filamentosa (Wispy Spider Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in *Nuytsia* 14:256,257 (2001)

Distribution and Habitat

Arrowsmith to Dandaragan and between Perth and Capel, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soils in woodlands and shrublands, flowering best in the season following summer fire.

Flowering Months

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Description

An attractive, near coastal [species](#) 150–300 mm high with a hairy leaf 100–150 mm long by 3–4 mm wide and up to two creamy-white and pink or pinkish-red flowers 50–70 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Crimson Spider orchid (*Caladenia footeana*) by its less uniformly coloured flowers, longer [petals](#) and [sepals](#), paler [labellum lamina calli](#) and confinement to near-coastal areas between Dongara and Bunbury.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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