

Caladenia paludosa

Name and Authority

Caladenia paludosa Hopper & A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Arachnorchis paludosa; Calonemorchis paludosa

Common Name

Swamp Spider Orchid

Complex Name

Caladenia huegelii (King Spider Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in Nuytsia 14:133-135, Figs. 25A-D (2001)

Distribution and Habitat

Gingin to Gracetown and eastwards to Lake Muir, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soils in seasonally wet flats and drainage lines. In higher rainfall areas it can also be found in surrounding woodlands.

Flowering Months

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Description

A common species 300–500 mm high with a hairy leaf 100–250 mm long by 5–12 mm wide and up to three red, greenish-yellow and cream flowers 50–80 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Dunsborough Spider Orchid (*Caladenia viridescens*) by its somewhat larger flowers with darker coloured petals and sepals, broader labellum and preference for swampy rather than well-drained soils.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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