

Caladenia paradoxa

Name and Authority

Caladenia paradoxa Hopper & A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Caladenia filamentosa var. *tentaculata*; *Calonema paradoxum*; *Calonemorchis paradoxa*; *Jonesiopsis paradoxa*; *Caladenia* sp. 'Muddarning Hill'

Common Name

Ironcaps Spider Orchid

Complex Name

Caladenia filamentosa (Wispy Spider Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in *Nuytsia* 14:259-260 (2001)

Distribution and Habitat

Nungarin to Lake Grace and eastwards to near Coolgardie, growing in shrublands on rocky hills.

Flowering Months

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Description

An inland [species](#) 150–300 mm high with a hairy leaf 50–120 mm long by 2–4 mm wide and up to three creamy-white to pale yellow flowers 60–100 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Western Wispy Spider Orchid (*Caladenia microchila*) by its larger [labellum](#) and less stiffly held tepals.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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