

# Caladenia petrensis

## Name and Authority

**Caladenia petrensis** A.P.Br. & G.Brockman

## Synonyms (previous names)

Caladenia sp. 'Rothsay'

## Common Name

Rock Spider Orchid

## Complex Name

Caladenia filamentosa (Wispy Spider Orchids)

## Originally Described by

Andrew Brown & Garry Brockman in Nuytsia 17:74-77, Fig.1a (2007)

## Distribution and Habitat

Canna to Paynes Find, growing in soil pockets on rocky ironstone hills.

## Flowering Months

· · · · · Jul Aug Sep · · ·

## Description

A rock-loving [species](#) 150–350 mm high with a hairy leaf 50–120 mm long by 6–10 mm wide and up to two (rarely three) creamy-white or pale yellow flowers 50–60 mm across.

## Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Glistening Spider Orchid (*Caladenia incensum*) by its generally narrower leaf, smaller, dull, creamy to creamy-yellow flowers with narrower, down-curved to [pendulous petals](#) and [lateral sepals](#) and smaller [labellum](#). It also inhabits ironstone rather than granitic soils. It is also allied to Banded Ironstone Spider Orchid (*C. saxicola*) and like that [species](#), inhabits rocky ironstone hills. It differs, however, in having smaller flowers, down-curved to [pendulous petals](#), creamy-white [labellum lamina calli](#), often with pale pink markings, and a more north-westerly distribution.

## WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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