

Caladenia petrensis

Name and Authority

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



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Synonyms (previous names)

Caladenia sp. 'Rothsay'

Common Name

Rock Spider Orchid



Caladenia petrensis distribution

Complex Name

Caladenia filamentosa (Wispy Spider Orchids)

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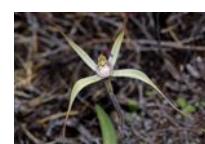
Andrew Brown & Garry Brockman in Nuytsia 17:74-77, Fig.1a (2007)



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Distribution and Habitat

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



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Flowering Months

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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.



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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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