

# Caladenia pholcoidea subsp. pholcoidea

## Name and Authority

**Caladenia pholcoidea** Hopper & A.P.Br. **subsp. pholcoidea**

## Synonyms (previous names)

Arachnorchis pholcoidea subsp. pholcoidea

## Common Name

Albany Spider Orchid

## Complex Name

Caladenia longicauda (White Spider Orchids)

## Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in Nuytsia 14:139, Figs. 25K-O (2001)

## Distribution and Habitat

Manypeaks (town) to Augusta, growing in sandy, sandy-clay and loamy soils in forests, woodlands and shrublands. Although mostly inhabiting upland areas the [subspecies](#) may occasionally be found in seasonally wet flats.

## Flowering Months

Jan . . . . . Nov Dec

## Description

A distinctive [subspecies](#) 300–600 mm high with a hairy leaf 100–200 mm long by 6–10 mm wide and up to four pale yellow flowers 50–60 mm across.

## Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the subsp. *augustensis* by its pale yellow flowers, longer [petals](#) and [sepals](#), and later flowering period. It is also has a much wider distribution extending eastwards to the Mt Manypeaks area. The only other member of the *C. longicauda* [complex](#) that flowers as late as *C. pholcoidea* is Christmas Spider Orchid (*C. serotina*) which has shorter more robust and colourful [petals](#) and [sepals](#), and a larger [labellum](#).

## WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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