

# Caladenia polychroma

## Name and Authority

**Caladenia polychroma** Hopper & A.P.Br.

## Synonyms (previous names)

Calonema polychromum; Calonemorchis polychroma; Jonesiopsis polychroma

## Common Name

Joseph's Spider Orchid

## Complex Name

Caladenia filamentosa (Wispy Spider Orchids)

## Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in Nuytsia 14:264-268, Figs. 65A-F (2001)

## Distribution and Habitat

Hopetoun to Boyup Brook, growing in sandy-clay soils in woodlands and shrublands.

## Flowering Months

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## Description

A colourful species 200–350 mm high with a hairy leaf 70–120 mm long by 3–5 mm wide and up to two red, pink, yellow and white flowers 80–120 mm across. Flower colour is variable and it is not unusual to find adjacent clumps of plants with different coloured flowers.

## Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the closely related Tenterden Yellow Spider Orchid (*Caladenia straminichila*) by its more colourful flowers, larger labellum, dull, creamy white, narrowly anvil-shaped labellum lamina calli and generally later flowering period. It is more distantly related to Ochre Spider Orchid (*C. fuscutescens*) from which it can be distinguished by its larger, more colourful flowers, more stiffly held petals and sepals and more northerly distribution.

## WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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