

Caladenia postea

Name and Authority

Caladenia postea Hopper & A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Caladenia varians subsp. *postea*; *Calonema postea* *Calonemorichis postea*; *Jonesiopsis postea*

Common Name

Dark-tipped Spider Orchid

Complex Name

Caladenia filamentosa (Wispy Spider Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in *Nuytsia* 14:268-269, Fig. 66 (2001)

Distribution and Habitat

West of Beverley, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soils in seasonally damp flats.

Flowering Months

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Description

A late flowering [species](#) 150–250 mm high with a hairy leaf 60–120 mm long by 3–5 mm wide and up to three creamy-white to creamy-yellow flowers 40–50 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Yellow Spider Orchid (*Caladenia denticulata*) by its generally shorter scapes, smaller flowers which are consistently cream in colouration and later flowering period. It often grows near Brookton Highway Spider Orchid (*C. fluvialis*) but is readily distinguished from that [species](#) by its smaller flowers with shorter prominently arching [petals](#) and [lateral sepals](#) and its later flowering period.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Priority Two



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