

Caladenia pulchra

Name and Authority

Caladenia pulchra Hopper & A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Caladenia flaccida subsp. *pulchra*; *Calonema pulchrum*; *Calonemorichis pulchra*; *Jonesiopsis pulchra*

Common Name

Slender Spider Orchid

Complex Name

Caladenia filamentosa (Wispy Spider Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in *Nuytsia* 14:269-273, Fig.67 (2001)

Distribution and Habitat

Gnowangerup to Ravensthorpe and northwards to Lake Grace, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soils in woodlands and shrublands. The [species](#) is particularly common on the slopes to rivers and seasonal creeks.

Flowering Months

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Description

An attractive [species](#) 200–400 mm high with a hairy leaf 60–150 mm long by 3–4 mm wide and up to three variably coloured red, yellow and white flowers 40–100 mm across. The [species](#) is often found in large clumps making for a very attractive sight.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Slender-sepaled Spider Orchid (*Caladenia perangusta*) by its broader [lateral sepals](#) and larger [labellum](#). It also occurs in lower rainfall mallee-heath areas some 180 km to the east of the nearest known population of *C. perangusta* which is found in high rainfall forest.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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