

Caladenia reptans subsp. reptans

Name and Authority

Caladenia reptans Lindl. **subsp. reptans**

Synonyms (previous names)

Caladenia preissii; Caladeniastrum reptans

Common Name

Little Pink Fairy

Complex Name

Caladenia latifolia (Fairy Orchids)

Originally Described by

John Lindley in A Sketch of the Vegetation of the Swan River Colony: lii. (1840)

Distribution and Habitat

Northampton to Augusta and eastwards to Esperance, growing in sandy, sandy-clay and lateritic soils in forests, woodlands and shrublands. In some areas the [subspecies](#) flowers only in the season following summer fire while in others it flowers every year.

Flowering Months

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Description

A clump-forming [subspecies](#) 50–120 mm high with a hairy leaf, 40–90 mm long by 8–10 mm wide, which is tinged reddish-purple on the underside and up to three pale to deep pink flowers 15–25 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the similar Pink Fairies (Caladenia latifolia) by its usually smaller leaf, fewer flowered [inflorescence](#), smaller flowers, dark pink [labellum](#) apex and generally more inland distribution. It also often grows in dense clumps unlike the more widely-spaced colonies of C. latifolia.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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