

Caladenia serotina

Name and Authority

Caladenia serotina Hopper & A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Arachnorchis serotina

Common Name

Christmas Spider Orchid

Complex Name

Caladenia longicauda (White Spider Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in Nuytsia 14:453-454 (2002)

Distribution and Habitat

Perth to Bremer Bay, growing in sandy, sandy-clay and lateritic soils in forests, woodlands and shrublands. In the northern part of its range the [species](#) is mainly confined to seasonally wet flats and drainage lines but in southern areas is common in upland [habitat](#).

Flowering Months

Jan Oct Nov Dec

Description

A late flowering [species](#) 250–600 mm high with a prominently hairy leaf 100–200 mm long by 4–20 mm wide and up to three creamy-white (more rarely red), red-marked flowers 80–100 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related White Spider Orchid (*Caladenia longicauda*) by its often more colourful flowers and later flowering period.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed

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