

Caladenia startiorum

Name and Authority

Caladenia startiorum Hopper & A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Arachnorchis startiorum; *Calonemorчис starteorum*

Common Name

Start's Spider Orchid

Complex Name

Caladenia huegelii (King Spider Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in *Nuytsia* 14:150,151 (2001)

Distribution and Habitat

Denbarker to Porongorups, growing in clay and sandy-clay soils in seasonally wet flats and adjacent woodlands, flowering best in the season following summer fire.

Flowering Months

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Description

A rare [species](#) 200–600 mm high with a hairy leaf 100–200 mm long by 7–10 mm wide and up to three pink to pale red flowers 60–90 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Majestic Spider Orchid (*Caladenia winfieldii*) by its white (rather than pale pink) base to the [labellum](#), shorter [petals](#) and [lateral sepals](#) and shorter clubs. It also flowers earlier than *C. winfieldii*. From the similar *C. harringtoniae* it is distinguished by its shorter, [clubbed sepals](#) and larger [labellum](#) with longer [fringe segments](#).

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Priority Two

Notes

Named in honour of WA Native Orchid Study and Conservation Group member(s): Start Family



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