

Caladenia viridescens

Name and Authority

Caladenia viridescens Hopper & A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Caladenia sp. 'Dunsborough'; Arachnorchis viridescens; Calonemorchis viridescens

Common Name

Dunsborough Spider Orchid

Complex Name

Caladenia huegelii (King Spider Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in Nuytsia 14:158-159, Figs. 28S-X (2001)

Distribution and Habitat

Yallingup to Nannup, growing in sandy and lateritic soils in woodlands and shrublands.

Flowering Months

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Description

A rare [species](#) 250–400 mm high with a hairy leaf 150–200 mm long by 5–8 mm wide and up to three dull greenish-yellow and red flowers 50–70 mm across. It is often mistaken for a form of Swamp Spider Orchid (*Caladenia paludosa*) but has smaller flowers, paler [petals](#) and [lateral sepals](#) and a paler, narrower, less cordate [labellum](#).

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Swamp Spider Orchid (*Caladenia paludosa*) by its slightly smaller flowers, paler [petals](#) and [sepals](#), longer [lateral sepals](#) which are often splayed horizontally or downcurved rather than upcurved and its dull maroon rather than glossy [labellum](#) apex.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Threatened (Critically Endangered)



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