

Caladenia x hopperi

Name and Authority

Caladenia x hopperi J.M.H.Shaw

Synonyms (previous names)

Caladenia sp. 'ornate labellum'; Caladenia × ornata; × Drakodenia ornata

Common Name

Ornate Spider Orchid

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in Nuytsia 14(1/2): 296-299, Fig 76, 77 (2001) as Caladenia × ornata

Distribution and Habitat

Pithara to Miling, growing on sandy rises above saline flats.

Flowering Months

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Description

A distinctive **hybrid** 120–200 mm high with a dull green, prominently hairy leaf 80–140 mm long by 3–4 mm wide and up to two creamy-white, red-marked flowers 30–50 mm across.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Priority One

Notes

A rare hybrid between Hinged Dragon Orchid (*Caladenia drakeoides*) and Salt Lake Spider Orchid (*C. exilis*). The species was named *Caladenia × ornata* by Stephen Hopper and Andrew Brown in 2001. However, as an Eastern Australian species had been named *Caladenia ornata* the previous year, the name of the Western Australian species was considered invalid and it was renamed *C. × hopperi* by Julian Shaw in 2014 in honour of WA Native Orchid Study and Conservation Group member Steve Hopper



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