

Calochilus barbarossa

Name and Authority

Calochilus barbarossa R.L.Barrett, M.D.Barrett & K.W.Dixon

Synonyms (previous names)

Calochilus sp. 'Theda Station'

Common Name

Lady beard orchid

Originally Described by

Russell Barrett, Matthew Barrett & Kingsley Dixon in *Telopea* 25:216-218, Fig. 4 (2022)

Distribution and Habitat

Kimberley region, Prince Regent River to Theda Station, growing in sandy to loamy soils in seasonally wet sites, often in a few centimetres of water. The [species](#) usually produces flowers just above the low sedges that are common where it grows. The [species](#) is also found on Melville Island in the Northern Territory.

Flowering Months

Jan Feb Dec

Description

A recently discovered [species](#) 300–700 mm high with a smooth leaf 150–300 mm long by 1.5–3 mm wide and up to 10 red-brown and green flowers about 9 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from Little Beard Orchid (*Calochilus kimberleyensis*) with which it sometimes grows by its taller flower scapes and more numerous flowers.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Priority Three



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