

Corysanthes despectans

Name and Authority

Corysanthes despectans (D.L.Jones & R.C.Nash) D.L.Jones & M.A.Clem.



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Synonyms (previous names)

Corybas despectans; includes Corybas.sp. 'Naturaliste'

Common Name

Sandhill Helmet Orchid



Corysanthes despectans distribution

Originally Described by

David Jones & Ray Nash in Muelleria 3(3): 165, fig. 1 (1976) as Corybas despectans

Distribution and Habitat

Israelite Bay to Yallingup, growing in sandy soils in coastal woodlands and shrublands. The species is also found in South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania.



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Flowering Months

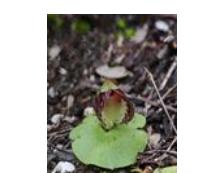
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Description

A coastal species 9–15 mm high (when flowering) with a smooth, rounded, ground-hugging leaf 10–20 mm long by 10–20 mm wide and a single purplish-red and green flower 7–9 mm across.



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Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the similarly coloured and sometimes co-occurring coastal species Crystal Helmet Orchid (*Corysanthes limpidus*) by its smaller flowers and shorter, narrower dorsal sepal.



WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed

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