Cyanicula aperta

Name and Authority

Cyanicula aperta Hopper & A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Caladenia aperta; Cyanicula caerulea subsp. apertala

Common Name

Western Tiny Blue Orchid

Complex Name

Cyanicula sericea (Blue Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in Austral. Syst. Bot. 17:229, Fig. 13 (2004)

Distribution and Habitat

Katanning to Israelite Bay, growing in sandy, sandy-clay and lateritic soils in woodlands and shrublands.

Flowering Months

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Description

A common south-eastern <u>species</u> 50–150 mm high with a scarcely hairy leaf, 30–100 mm long by 3–4 mm wide , which is usually green on the underside and up to two bluish-mauve (rarely white) flowers 20–25 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Dainty Blue Orchid (Cyanicula amplexans) by its narrower leaf, more widely spaced <u>labellum lateral</u> lobes and south-easterly distribution.

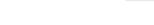
WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed

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