

Cyanicula fragrans

Name and Authority

Cyanicula fragrans Hopper & A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Caladenia fragrans

Common Name

Fragrant China Orchid

Complex Name

Cyanicula gemmata (China Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in *Lindleyana* 15:121,123 (2000)

Distribution and Habitat

Mt Magnet to Beacon, growing in shallow soil pockets on granite outcrops, flowering equally well in burnt and unburnt bushland.

Flowering Months

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Description

A northern, inland species 60–120 mm high with a shortly hairy leaf, 20–40 mm long by 10–15 mm wide, which is green on the underside and up to two strongly-fragrant, pale blue to bluish-mauve (rarely white) flowers 20–40 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Powder-blue China Orchid (*Cyanicula ashbyae*) by its sweetly fragrant floral odour and leaf which is green rather than tinged reddish-purple underneath.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Priority Three



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Cyanicula fragrans distribution



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