

Cyanicula gemmata

Name and Authority

Cyanicula gemmata (Lindl.) Hopper & A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Caladenia pellita; Caladenia gemmata; Pentisea gemmata

Common Name

Blue China Orchid

Complex Name

Cyanicula gemmata (China Orchids)

Originally Described by

John Lindley in A Sketch of the Vegetation of the Swan River Colony: lii. (1840) as Caladenia gemmata

Distribution and Habitat

Kalbarri to Israelite Bay, growing in sandy, sandy-clay, lateritic and granitic soils in forests, woodlands and shrublands, flowering best in the season following summer fire.

Flowering Months

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Description

A common, widespread [species](#) 40–50 mm high with a shortly hairy leaf, 20–40 mm long by 10–20 mm wide, which is tinged reddish-purple on the underside and up to two (rarely three) mauve-blue to purple flowers 20–150 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from other members of the [Cyanicula gemmata complex](#) by its darker, royal blue to purple flowers and more rounded [labellum](#) with shorter [hemispherical calli](#) that are found scattered over the [lamina](#) rather than in rows.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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