

Cyanicula nikulinskyae

Name and Authority

Cyanicula nikulinskyae Hopper & A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Cyanicula sp. 'Esperance'; Caladenia nikulinskyae

Common Name

Granite China Orchid

Complex Name

Cyanicula gemmata (China Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in Lindleyana 15:123-124 (2000)

Distribution and Habitat

Fitzgerald River National Park to Israelite Bay, growing in soil pockets on granite outcrops, flowering best in the season following summer fire.

Flowering Months

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Description

A south-eastern [species](#) 70–130 mm high with a shortly hairy leaf, 25–50 mm long by 8–12 mm wide, which is tinged reddish-purple on the underside and up to two (rarely three) pale blue flowers 20–40 mm across. The [species](#) previously known as Condingup China Orchid (Cyanicula sp. 'Esperance') is now considered a form of C. nikulinskyae.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the often co-occurring Blue China Orchid (Cyanicula gemmata) by its paler blue flowers and taller cylindrical [calli](#).

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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