

Cyanicula sericea

Name and Authority

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

Synonyms (previous names)

Caladenia sericea; Pentisea sericea

Common Name

Silky Blue Orchid

Complex Name

Cyanicula sericea (Blue Orchids)

Originally Described by

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

Distribution and Habitat

Jurien Bay to Bremer Bay with a disjunct population at Mt Arid, growing in sandy, sandy-clay and lateritic soils in forests and woodlands, flowering best in the season following summer fire.

Flowering Months

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Description

A common high rainfall [species](#) 150–400 mm high with a broad, silky-hairy leaf, 50–120 mm long by 10–20 mm wide, which is green or slightly tinged reddish-purple on the underside and up to three (rarely four) mauve-blue or, more rarely, white flowers 30–40 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the other members of the [Cyanicula sericea complex](#) by its larger, broader leaf, taller stature, larger flowers and south-westerly distribution.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed

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