Cyanicula sp. 'Eneabba'

Name and Authority

Cyanicula sp. 'Eneabba'

Synonyms (previous names)

Cyanicula sp. 'northern'

Common Name

Early China Orchid

Complex Name

Cyanicula gemmata (China Orchids)

Originally Described by

Undescribed

Distribution and Habitat

Eneabba to Cataby, growing in shallow sandy and gravelly soils on low lateritic hills, flowering best in the season following summer fire.

Flowering Months

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Description

A recently recognised <u>species</u> 40–100 mm high with a shortly hairy leaf, 15–30 mm long by 10–16 mm wide which is tinged reddish-purple on the underside, and up to two (rarely three) pale blue flowers 30–40 mm across. In flowering as early as July it is the first of the Cyanicula gemmata <u>complex</u> to appear each year.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the often co-occurring Blue China Orchid (Cyanicula gemmata) by its earlier flowering period (where they grow together), narrower <u>labellum</u> and taller <u>lamina calli</u>.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed

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