

Cymbidium canaliculatum

Name and Authority

Cymbidium canaliculatum R.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Cymbidium leai; *Cymbidium sparkesii*; *Cymbidium hillii*

Common Name

Native cymbidium

Originally Described by

Robert Brown in Prodr. Fl. Nov. Holland. 331 (1810)

Distribution and Habitat

Widespread in the Kimberley region, Halls Creek, Broome, Kunanurra, growing as partial epiphytes on trees. Plants extend roots into the rotting heartwood of limbs and trunks where moisture is retained after rainfall. This [habit](#) enables the [species](#) to tolerate an array of habitats from semi-arid spinifex woodland to rainforest in the north-western Kimberley. The [species](#) is also found in the Northern Territory, Queensland and New South Wales.

Flowering Months

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Description

A stout orchid 300–500 mm high with persistent pseudobulbs 80–120 mm long by 30–40 mm wide, two to seven rigid, thickened, almost fleshy, grey-green, deeply channelled leaves 80–400 mm long by 10–30 mm wide and up to 50 deep brown-red to maroon, rarely apple green, fragrant flowers 25–50 mm across on [pendulous](#) scapes to 400 mm long

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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