

Cyrtostylis tenuissima

Name and Authority

Cyrtostylis tenuissima (Nicholls & Goadby) D.L.Jones & M.A.Clem.



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Synonyms (previous names)

Acianthus tenuissimus

Common Name

Gnat Orchid

Originally Described by

William Nicholls & Theodore Goadby in The Victorian Naturalist 50: 22 (1933) as Acianthus tenuissimus



Cyrtostylis tenuissima distribution

Distribution and Habitat

Perth to Albany with disjunct populations east of Esperance, growing in sandy or peaty soils in seasonally wet flats and drainage lines.



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Flowering Months

..... Sep Oct Nov ..

Description

A swamp-loving *species* 50–100 mm high with a smooth, rounded, ground-hugging leaf 10–30 mm long by 10–15 mm wide and up to 15 greenish-fawn (more rarely reddish-brown) flowers 2.5–3 mm across.



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Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the other Western Australian Cyrtostylis by its smaller flowers, later flowering period and swamp *habitat*.



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WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed

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