

Didymoplexis pallens

Name and Authority

Didymoplexis pallens Griff.

Synonyms (previous names)

Gastrodia pallens; *Epiphanes pallens*; *Leucorchis sylvatica*; *Arethusa ecristata*; *Arethusa bengalensis*; *Apetalon minutum*; *Pogonia pachystomoides*; *Didymoplexis sylvatica*; *Cheirostylis kanarensis*; *Nervilia pachystomoides*

Common Name

Lily of the valley orchid

Originally Described by

William Griffith in *Calcutta J.Nat.Hist.* 4:383, Tab. 17 (1844)

Distribution and Habitat

Kimberley region, Camp Creek, Mitchell Plateau and Edkins Range, growing in black loamy soils in grassy areas and in seasonally moist to wet grassy woodland. Also found in the Northern Territory, Queensland, Afghanistan, China, Japan, Taiwan, Assam, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia, Christmas Island, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and New Caledonia. Flowering plants are more easily seen in grassland that has been recently burnt.

Flowering Months

Jan Feb Mar

Description

A rarely seen, leafless [species](#) 60–300 mm high with up to 15 insignificant white flowers 6–8 mm across that open for one day only. Following pollination the flower stalk elongates rapidly, most likely to aid in seed dispersal.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Priority One



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