

Diuris laxiflora

Name and Authority

Diuris laxiflora Lindl.

Synonyms (previous names)

Diuris sp. 'Brookton Highway'; Diuris sp. 'Canning Vale'; Diuris sp. 'granite'

Common Name

Bee Orchid

Complex Name

Diuris laxiflora (Bee Orchids)

Originally Described by

John Lindley in Sketch Veg.Swan R. 51 (1840)

Distribution and Habitat

Three Springs to Two Peoples Bay and east of Esperance, growing in sandy-clay and clay soils in seasonally wet areas.

Flowering Months

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Description

A common species 300–800 mm high with two to five smooth leaves 80–250 mm long by 2–3 mm wide and up to six small, yellow, brown marked flowers 20–25 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Common Bee Orchid (*Diuris decrementum*) by its taller stature and larger flowers with a longer, narrower labellum midlobe. It also has a later flowering period and rarely forms distinct clumps.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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