

Drakaea elastica

Name and Authority

Drakaea elastica Lindl.

Synonyms (previous names)

Drakaea jeanensis

Common Name

Glossy-leafed Hammer Orchid

Originally Described by

John Lindley in Sketch Veg.Swan R. 55 (1840)

Distribution and Habitat

Busselton to Cataby, growing in sandy soils in woodlands and shrublands on the coastal plain.

Flowering Months

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Description

A rare [species](#) 120–300 mm high with a smooth glossy, light-green (when fresh), heart-shaped, ground-hugging leaf 12–20 mm long by 11–18 mm wide and a single dull greenish-yellow and purplish-red flower 4–5 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Kneeling Hammer Orchid (*Drakaea concolor*) by its glossy, light green leaf, two coloured [labellum](#) with a broader head-like top and more southerly distribution.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Threatened (Critically Endangered)

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