

Drakaea gracilis

Name and Authority

Drakaea gracilis Hopper & A.P.Br.

Common Name

Slender Hammer Orchid

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in Austral.Syst.Bot. 20:271-273 (2007)

Distribution and Habitat

Boxwood Hill to Dandaragan, growing in sandy and lateritic soils in forests and woodlands.

Flowering Months

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Description

A relatively rare species 100–250 mm high with a smooth heart-shaped, ground-hugging leaf 15–20 mm long by 12–18 mm wide and a single dull greenish-yellow and purplish-red flower 3–5 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the closely related Warty Hammer Orchid (*Drakaea livida*) by its shorter flower scape and smaller, narrower, uniformly-coloured labellum with a more slender neck.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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