

Eriochilus dilatatus subsp. brevifolius

Name and Authority

Eriochilus dilatatus subsp. *brevifolius* (Benth.) Hopper & A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Eriochilus dilatatus var. *brevifolius*; *Eriochilus dilatatus* subsp. 'Geraldton'

Common Name

Blunt-leaf Bunny Orchid

Complex Name

Eriochilus dilatatus (White Bunny Orchids)

Originally Described by

George Bentham in *Flora Australiensis* 6: 373 (1873) as *Eriochilus dilatatus* var. *brevifolius*

Distribution and Habitat

Kelmscott to Eurady Station, growing in gravelly, sandy-clay and clay soils in woodlands and shrublands. The [subspecies](#) does not require summer fire to flower.

Flowering Months

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Description

A late autumn-early winter flowering [subspecies](#) 40–200 mm high with a smooth, often pale red backed, wavy margined leaf 10–20 mm long by 4–6 mm wide and up to three white, dull green and red flowers 9–14 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the similar Crinkle-leaved Bunny Orchid (*Eriochilus dilatatus* subsp. *undulatus*) by its smaller leaf which is usually green above and pale red or pale red marked below. It also has a generally shorter stature, a fleshy flower stem that is often tinged pale red and a generally later flowering period.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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