

# Eriochilus dilatatus subsp. multiflorus

## Name and Authority

**Eriochilus dilatatus subsp. multiflorus** (Lindl.) Hopper & A.P.Br.

## Synonyms (previous names)

*Eriochilus multiflorus*

## Common Name

Common Bunny Orchid

## Complex Name

*Eriochilus dilatatus* (White Bunny Orchids)

## Originally Described by

John Lindley in A Sketch of the Vegetation of the Swan River Colony: liii. (1840) as *Eriochilus multiflorus*

## Distribution and Habitat

Bindoon to Ravensthorpe, growing in sandy, sandy-clay and lateritic soils in forests and woodlands. The [subspecies](#) flowers best in the season following summer fire with flowering plants rare in unburnt bushland.

## Flowering Months

· · · Apr May Jun · · · · ·

## Description

A common [subspecies](#) 150–350 mm high with an often immature, smooth margined leaf 5–40 mm long by 6–12 mm wide (when flowering) and up to 20 white, dull green and red flowers 9–12 mm across. The leaves on non-flowering plants are often much larger than those on flowering plants.

## Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the closely related subsp. *magnus* by its usually smaller leaf, shorter [inflorescence](#) and more densely packed flowers. Unlike that [subspecies](#) it requires a summer fire to flower well, appearing in much lower numbers in unburnt bushland.

## WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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