

Eriochilus scaber subsp. orbifolius

Name and Authority

Eriochilus scaber subsp. *orbifolius* Hopper & A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Eriochilus scaber subsp. *orbifolia*

Common Name

Round-leaf Pink Bunny Orchid

Complex Name

Eriochilus scaber (Pink Bunny Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in *Nuytsia* 16:53-54 (2006)

Distribution and Habitat

Two disjunct locations in Walpole and Dunsborough, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soils in seasonally damp coastal flats. The *subspecies* flowers best in the season following summer fire with flowering plants rare or absent in unburnt bushland.

Flowering Months

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Description

A *colony*-forming *subspecies* 50–100 mm high with a rounded, flattened, ground-hugging leaf 8–20 mm long by 10–15 mm wide and up to three red, pink and white flowers 9–12 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the typical *subspecies* by its more rounded, flattened leaves.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Priority Two



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