

# WANOSCG Orchid Fact Sheet

## Eriochilus scaber subsp. scaber

### Name and Authority

**Eriochilus scaber** Lindl. **subsp. scaber**

### Synonyms (previous names)

Eriochilus lindleyi; Eriochilus scaber var. lindleyi

### Common Name

Pink Bunny Orchid

### Complex Name

Eriochilus scaber (Pink Bunny Orchids)

### Originally Described by

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



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### Distribution and Habitat

Jurien Bay to Cape Arid, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soils in seasonally wet flats and run-off areas. 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** 70–150 mm high with a cupped (when flowering), ground-hugging leaf 7–17 mm long by 7–15 mm wide and up to three red, pink and white flowers 9–12 mm across. The leaves of non-flowering plants are dark green, flattened and prominently veined while the leaves of flowering plants are cupped and green to yellowish green.



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### Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the subsp. orbifolius by its narrower, cupped leaves.



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### WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed

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