

Eriochilus valens

Name and Authority

Eriochilus valens Hopper & A.P.Br.

Common Name

Red-lipped Bunny Orchid

Complex Name

Eriochilus dilatatus (White Bunny Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in Nuytsia 16:58, Fig. 8 (2006)

Distribution and Habitat

West of Walpole to Munglinup, In the higher rainfall lower southwest the [species](#) grows in sandy soils in shrublands and woodlands surrounding seasonally wet flats and flowers best in the season following summer fire with flowering plants rare or absent in unburnt bushland. However, between the Stirling Range and Munglinup it grows in sandy-clay soils in Mallee-heath and at least some plants flower every year.

Flowering Months

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Description

A relatively rare [species](#) 50–150 mm high with a smooth or wavy margined leaf 10–20 mm long by 8–10 mm wide and up to three (rarely more) white, dull green and red flowers 9–12 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the closely related White Bunny Orchid (*Eriochilus dilatatus*) by its fewer flowered [inflorescence](#) and larger more colourful [labellum](#).

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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[Eriochilus valens distribution](#)



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