

Microtis alba

Name and Authority

Microtis alba R.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Goadbyella gracilis

Common Name

White Mignonette Orchid

Complex Name

Microtis media (Common Mignonette Orchids)

Originally Described by

Robert Brown in Prodr. 321 (1810)

Distribution and Habitat

Mt Lesueur to Israelite Bay, growing in sandy, sandy-clay and lateritic soils in forests, woodlands and seasonally wet flats. The [species](#) rarely flowers in unburnt bushland but is common in the season following a summer fire.

Flowering Months

Jan Oct Nov Dec

Description

An attractive [species](#) 150–600 mm high with a smooth tubular leaf 120–500 mm long by 3–8 mm wide and up to 60 sweetly-scented, green and white flowers 3–4 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Scented Mignonette Orchid (*Microtis alboviridis*) by its larger white, rather than greenish-white to greenish-yellow flowers and usually more prominently bi-lobed [labellum](#).

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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[Microtis alba distribution](#)



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