

Microtis familiaris

Name and Authority

Microtis familiaris R.J.Bates

Common Name

Coastal Mignonette Orchid

Complex Name

Microtis media (Common Mignonette Orchids)

Originally Described by

Robert John Bates in J.Adelaide Bot.Gard. 13:50-51, Fig.1 (1990)

Distribution and Habitat

Broke Inlet to Two Peoples Bay, growing in sandy-clay and clay soils in seasonally wet coastal flats, flowering only in the season following a summer fire.

Flowering Months

Jan Dec

Description

A near coastal species 100–250 mm high with a smooth tubular leaf 80–150 mm long by 1.5–2 mm wide and up to 20 sweetly fragrant, greenish-yellow flowers 1–1.5 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is superficially similar to Sweet Mignonette Orchid (*Microtis brownii*) but is distinguished by its smaller flowers, ovary-clasping lateral sepals and shorter labellum which is not bent back against the ovary.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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