

Microtis orbicularis

Name and Authority

Microtis orbicularis R.S.Rogers

Synonyms (previous names)

Hydrorchis orbicularis

Common Name

Dark Mignonette Orchid

Complex Name

Microtis atrata (Dwarf Mignonette Orchids)

Originally Described by

Richard Rogers in Trans.& Proc.Roy.Soc.South Australia 31:63 (1907)

Distribution and Habitat

Three Springs to Israelite Bay, growing in sandy-clay and clay soils in seasonally wet areas.

Flowering Months

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Description

A common species 150–350 mm high with a smooth tubular leaf 100–300 mm long by 2–3 mm wide and up to 30 yellowish-green or dull brownish-red, often widely-spaced flowers 2–3 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Cupped Mignonette Orchid (*Microtis cupularis*) by its recurved petals, hanging lateral sepals and flattened labellum.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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