

Microtis quadrata

Name and Authority

Microtis quadrata (R.J.Bates) D.L.Jones & M.A.Clem.

Synonyms (previous names)

Microtis media subsp. *quadrata*

Common Name

South Coast Mignonette Orchid

Complex Name

Microtis media (Common Mignonette Orchids)

Originally Described by

Robert John Bates in *Journal of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens* 13: 54 (1990) as *Microtis media* subsp. *quadrata*

Distribution and Habitat

Bunbury to Israelite Bay, growing in sandy-clay and clay soils in coastal flats. Plants flower in greater profusion following summer fire.

Flowering Months

Jan Dec

Description

A little-known, predominantly south-coastal [species](#) 300–800 mm high with a smooth tubular leaf 200–400 mm long by 3–8 mm wide and up to 100 yellowish-green flowers 2.5–3 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Common Mignonette Orchid (*Microtis media*) by its shorter, more deeply [concave](#), lightly ribbed [dorsal sepal](#), blunter [petals](#), less distinctly curled [lateral sepals](#) and more evenly spaced marginal [labellum excrescences](#).

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Priority Four



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[Microtis quadrata distribution](#)



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