

Paracaleana

Name and Authority

Paracaleana Blaxell

Synonyms (previous names)

Sullivania

Common Name

Duck Orchids

Originally Described by

Donald Blaxell in Contr. New South Wales Natl. Herb. 4(3):280 (1972)

Flowering Months

Jan Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

Description

Paracaleana [species](#) have a smooth leaf which is held flat on the ground or rises at a slight angle, a smooth flowering stem and (in most [species](#)) up to two dull greenish-yellow and red flowers, the exceptions being Small Duck Orchid (*P. minor*) which has up to four flowers and Midget Duck Orchid (*P. lyonsii*) which has up to 10 flowers. In most [species](#) the leaf is short and broad, while in the above two [species](#) it is long and narrow. The flowers, which are inverted (upside down), have narrow [petals](#) and [sepals](#) and broad spreading [column wings](#) that almost enclose the [stigma](#). They also have a [glandular labellum](#) that flicks back when touched.



[Paracaleana nigrita complex \(Flying Duck Orchids\)](#)



[Paracaleana distribution](#)



[Paracaleana lyonsii complex \(Midget Duck Orchids\)](#)

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