

Paracaleana dixonii

Name and Authority

Paracaleana dixonii Hopper & A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Caleana dixonii; Sullivania dixonii

Common Name

Sandplain Duck Orchid

Complex Name

Paracaleana nigrita (Flying Duck Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in Austral.Syst.Bot. 19:228-229, Fig. 12 (2006)

Distribution and Habitat

Gingin to south of Dongara, growing in deep sandy soils in shrublands.

Flowering Months

. Oct Nov Dec

Description

A rare [species](#) 130–180 mm high with a broad, smooth leaf 20–40 mm long by 5–10 mm wide and one (rarely two) inverted, greenish-yellow and fawn flowers 9–13 mm across. The leaf is usually withered at the time of flowering.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from Brockman's Duck Orchid (*Paracaleana brockmanii*) by its larger, paler coloured flowers and northerly distribution.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Threatened (Vulnerable)

Notes

Named in honour of WA Native Orchid Study and Conservation Group member(s): Kingsley Dixon



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[Paracaleana dixonii distribution](#)



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