

Paracaleana ferricola

Name and Authority

Paracaleana ferricola A.P.Br. & G.Brockman

Synonyms (previous names)

Paracaleana sp. 'laterite'; Sullivania ferricola

Common Name

Darling Range Duck Orchid

Complex Name

Paracaleana nigrita (Flying Duck Orchids)

Originally Described by

Andrew Brown & Garry Brockman in Nuytsia 30:287-289, Fig. 1 (2019)

Distribution and Habitat

Kalamunda to Roleystone, growing in lateritic soils in open forests.

Flowering Months

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Description

A recently named **species** 50–100 mm high with a broad, smooth leaf 10–20 mm long by 5–8 mm wide and one (rarely two) inverted, greenish-yellow and red flowers 6–9 mm across. The leaf is usually withered at the time of flowering.

Distinguishing Features

In the **type** location it grows with Brockman's Duck Orchid (*Paracaleana brockmanii*) but begins flowering a few weeks earlier and has smaller flowers with **calli** confined to the **apical** half rather than third.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Priority Two



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