

Paracaleana granitica

Name and Authority

Paracaleana granitica Hopper & A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Caleana granitica; Sullivania granitica

Common Name

Granite Duck Orchid

Complex Name

Paracaleana nigrita (Flying Duck Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephen Hopper & Andrew Brown in Austral.Syst.Bot. 19:230-232, Fig. 16 (2006)

Distribution and Habitat

East and south-east of Jarrahdale, growing in shallow soil pockets on granite outcrops.

Flowering Months

..... Oct Nov Dec

Description

A granite inhabiting **species** 40–70 mm high with a broad, smooth leaf 10–20 mm long by 4–6 mm wide and one (rarely two) inverted, greenish-yellow and red flowers 8–9 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

The leaf is usually withered at the time of flowering. It occupies the same **habitat** as Slender-leaved Duck Orchid (*Paracaleana gracilicordata*) but is distinguished by its broader leaf, larger flowers and larger **labellum** which is held below the horizontal.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Priority One



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