

Paracaleana nigrita

Name and Authority

Paracaleana nigrita (J.Drumm. ex Lindl.) Blaxell

Synonyms (previous names)

Caleana nigrita; Sullivania nigrita

Common Name

Flying Duck Orchid

Complex Name

Paracaleana nigrita (Flying Duck Orchids)

Originally Described by

James Drummond ex John Lindley in A Sketch of the Vegetation of the Swan River Colony: liv (1840) as *Caleana nigrita*

Distribution and Habitat

Mingenew to Condingup, growing in sandy soils in forests, woodlands and shrublands and more rarely in moss swards on granite rocks.

Flowering Months

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Description

A common species 50–150 mm high with a broad, smooth leaf 10–30 mm long by 7–11 mm wide and one (rarely two) inverted, greenish-yellow and red flowers 6–8 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Hort's Duck Orchid (*Paracaleana hortiorum*) by its shorter, broader, more prominently humped labellum. Where the two species grow together it is in late flower when *P. hortiorum* is in early flower.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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Paracaleana nigrita distribution



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