

# Pecteilis elongata

## Name and Authority

**Pecteilis elongata** (R.Br.) M.A.Clem. & D.L.Jones

## Synonyms (previous names)

Habenaria elongata; Habenaria triplonema; Habenaria millari

## Common Name

Kimberley spider orchid

## Originally Described by

Robert Brown in Prodrromus florum Novae Hollandiae et insulae Van-Diemen, exhibens characteres plantarum quas annis 1802-1805: 313 (1810) as Habenaria elongata

## Distribution and Habitat

North Kimberley, from the Synnot Range, north to the Mitchell Plateau and Theda Station, growing in Eucalyptus woodland and savannah in basaltic, loamy or lateritic soils that are generally free draining. Occasional plants may also be found growing on rock ledges and crevices along streams. Plants are often located amongst dense grass making them difficult to see. Also found in the Northern Territory, Queensland and the Western Province of Papua New Guinea.

## Flowering Months

Jan Feb . . . . .

## Description

A widespread but uncommon orchid 300–800 mm high with two to six broad, glabrous leaves 60–120 mm long by 5–15 mm wide and up to 40 fragrant, greenish-white flowers 12–16 mm across.

## Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from all other Kimberley species of Pecteilis by its labellum with three very long lobes.

## WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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