

## Pheladenia deformis

### Name and Authority

**Pheladenia deformis** (R.Br.) D.L.Jones & M.A.Clem.

### Synonyms (previous names)

Caladenia deformis; Caladenia deformis var. albiflora; Caladenia barbata; Caladenia unguiculata; Cyanicula deformis; Pentisea deformis

### Common Name

Blue Fairy Orchid

### Originally Described by

Robert Brown in Prodrromus florum Novae Hollandiae et insulae Van-Diemen, exhibens characteres plantarum quas annis 1802-1805: 324 (1810) as Caladenia deformis

### Distribution and Habitat

Shark Bay to Israelite bay, growing in sandy, sandy-clay, clay and lateritic soils in forests, woodlands and shrublands. The [species](#) is particularly common in shallow soil pockets on granite outcrops. The [species](#) is also found in New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia.

### Flowering Months

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### Description

A common [species](#) 50–250 mm high with a sparsely hairy leaf 30–100 mm long by 2–4 mm wide and one (rarely two) blue or, more rarely, white flowers 20–30 mm across.

### WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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