Prasophyllum ovale

Name and Authority

Prasophyllum ovale Lindl.

Synonyms (previous names)

Paraprasophyllum ovale

Common Name

Little Leek Orchid

Complex Name

Prasophyllum ovale (Slender Leek Orchids)

Originally Described by

John Lindley in Sketch Veg.Swan R. 54 (1840)

Distribution and Habitat

Moora to Mount Barker, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soils in open woodlands. The species does not require a summer fire to flower.

Flowering Months

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Description

A small flowered <u>species</u> 200–400 mm high with a smooth tubular leaf 150–300 mm long by 2–3 mm wide and up to 20 white, green and brown flowers 7–8 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the closely related Dainty Leek Orchid (Prasophyllum plumiforme) by its generally shorter flower <u>scape</u> and fewer, larger flowers.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed

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