

Prasophyllum paulinae

Name and Authority

Prasophyllum paulinae D.L.Jones & M.A.Clem.

Synonyms (previous names)

Prasophyllum paulinae

Common Name

Pauline's Laughing Leek Orchid

Complex Name

Prasophyllum gracile (Small Leek Orchids)

Originally Described by

David Jones & Mark Clements in *Nuytsia* 10:414, 416, Fig. 3 (1996)

Distribution and Habitat

Denmark to Two Peoples Bay with a disjunct population east of Esperance, growing in sandy-clay and clay soils in seasonally wet flats. The [species](#) does not require a summer fire to flower.

Flowering Months

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Description

A rare [species](#) 150–250 mm high with a smooth tubular leaf 100–200 mm long by 4–5 mm wide and up to 70 yellowish-green and purple flowers 4–5 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the closely related Laughing Leek Orchid (*Prasophyllum macrostachyum*) by its shorter [lateral sepals](#), broader [labellum](#) and, where they grow together, usually earlier flowering period.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Priority One

Notes

Named in honour of WA Native Orchid Study and Conservation Group member(s): Pauline Heberle



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