

Pterostylis actites

Name and Authority

Pterostylis actites (D.L.Jones & C.J.French) D.L.Jones & C.J.French

Synonyms (previous names)

Pterostylis sp. Coastal clubbed sepals; *Diplodium actites*

Common Name

Coastal Short Eared Snail Orchid

Complex Name

Pterostylis nana (Snail Orchids)

Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in *Australian Orchid Review* 84(3): 33-35 (2019) as *Diplodium actites*

Distribution and Habitat

Bunbury to Bremer Bay, growing in sandy soil in coastal woodlands and shrublands.

Flowering Months

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Description

A short statured **species** 30–100 mm high with four to seven leaves forming a ground-hugging or ascending **basal rosette** 15–30 mm across, three to four **cauline** leaves and one (rarely two) translucent, green and white flowers 4–6 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the similar Short-eared Snail Orchid (*Pterostylis brevisepala*) and Thick-sepaled Snail Orchid (*P. ectypha*) by its shorter, usually **reflexed lateral sepals**.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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