

# Pterostylis arida

## Name and Authority

**Pterostylis arida** G.Brockman & C.J.French

## Synonyms (previous names)

*Pterostylis* sp. 'Paynes Find'

## Common Name

Paynes Find Rufous Greenhood

## Complex Name

*Pterostylis rufa* (Rufous Greenhoods)

## Originally Described by

Garry Brockman & Christopher French in *Nuytsia* 35: 27-29 (2024)

## Distribution and Habitat

Creedo Station to north of Yalgoo, growing in soil pockets on granite outcrops and rocky hills and also occasionally in deeper sandy soil in surrounding woodlands and shrublands.

## Flowering Months

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## Description

A northern *species* 100–180 mm high with seven to 11 leaves forming a ground-hugging *basal rosette* 30–50 mm across and up to seven translucent, pale brown and white flowers 10–12 mm across.

## Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Spoon-lipped Rufous Greenhood (*Pterostylis spathulata*) by its shorter stature, fewer, smaller flowers, earlier flowering period and more northerly and north-easterly distribution.

## WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Priority Three



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*Pterostylis arida* distribution



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