

Pterostylis aspera

Name and Authority

Pterostylis aspera D.L.Jones & M.A.Clem.

Synonyms (previous names)

Diplodium asperum

Common Name

Brown-veined Shell Orchid

Complex Name

Pterostylis aspera (Shell Orchids)

Originally Described by

David Jones & Mark Clements in Austral.Orchid Res. 1:120 (1989)

Distribution and Habitat

Jurien Bay to Dunsborough, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soils in woodlands and shrublands. The [species](#) was at one time common in Pine plantations near Perth but, as most have now been harvested, is now rare in that [habitat](#).

Flowering Months

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Description

A common [species](#) 60–100 mm high with three to five [cauline](#) leaves 20–40 mm long by 3–5 mm wide and one (rarely two) translucent, brown to reddish-brown (more rarely green) and white flowers 10–15 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Kalbarri Shell Orchid (*Pterostylis microglossa*) by its larger flowers and southerly distribution.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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[Pterostylis aspera distribution](#)



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