

Pterostylis barbata

Name and Authority

Pterostylis barbata Lindl.

Synonyms (previous names)

Plumatichilos barbata

Common Name

Bird Orchid

Complex Name

Pterostylis barbata/barbata (Bird Orchids)

Originally Described by

John Lindley in Sketch Veg.Swan R. 53 (1840)

Distribution and Habitat

Dandaragan to Albany, growing in sandy, sandy-clay and lateritic soils in forests and woodlands.

Flowering Months

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Description

An inland **species** 50–150 mm high with a loose, ascending **rosette** of leaves 12–35 mm across, two to four **cauline** leaves and one (rarely two) translucent, brown-marked, green and white flowers 10–13 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from Dwarf Bird Orchid (*Pterostylis galgulus*) by its larger flowers and longer **dorsal sepal**. From the other members of the *Pterostylis barbata* **complex** it is distinguished by its shorter **dorsal sepal**.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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