

# Pterostylis brevichila

## Name and Authority

**Pterostylis brevichila** D.L.Jones & C.J.French

## Synonyms (previous names)

Pterostylis aff. Aspera; Pterostylis sp. 'dwarf shell'; Diplodium brevichilum

## Common Name

Dwarf Shell Orchid

## Complex Name

Pterostylis aspera (Shell Orchids)

## Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in Austral.Orchid Rev. 77(4):39-41, Fig. 1 (2012)

## Distribution and Habitat

Woodanilling to Israelite Bay, growing in sandy-clay and clay soils in woodlands and shrublands.

## Flowering Months

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## Description

A small **species** 80–120 mm high with four to five **cauline** leaves 10–15 mm long by 4–5 mm wide and one (rarely two) translucent, brown to reddish-brown (more rarely green) and white flowers 8–10 mm across.

## Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Brown-veined Shell Orchid (*Pterostylis aspera*) by its smaller flowers and more easterly distribution inland from the coast.

## WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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