

Pterostylis brevisepala

Name and Authority

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

Synonyms (previous names)

Pterostylis sp. short sepals; *Diplodium brevisepalum*

Common Name

Short Eared Snail Orchid

Complex Name

Pterostylis nana (Snail Orchids)

Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in *Australian Orchid Review* 84(3): 35-37 (2019) as *Diplodium brevisepalum*

Distribution and Habitat

York to Lancelin, growing in sandy soils in woodlands and shrublands. The [species](#) readily colonises pine plantations north of Perth.

Flowering Months

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Description

A common [species](#) 70–200 mm high with four to six leaves forming a ground-hugging or ascending [basal rosette](#) 20–32 mm across, four to six [cauline](#) leaves and one (rarely two) translucent, green and white flowers 5–6 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the closely related Murdoch Snail Orchid (*Pterostylis ectypha*) by its shorter stature, fewer, smaller [rosette](#) leaves, fewer, smaller [cauline](#) leaves and squared off tips to the [lateral sepals](#).

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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