

Pterostylis crispula

Name and Authority

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

Synonyms (previous names)

Diplodium crispulum

Common Name

Slender Snail Orchid

Complex Name

Pterostylis nana (Snail Orchids)

Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in *Australian Orchid Review* 84(1): 21-23, Fig. 1 (2019) as *Diplodium crispulum*

Distribution and Habitat

Gingin to Albany, growing in sandy, sandy-clay and lateritic soils in forests, woodlands and shrublands. A remarkable disjunct population is known from Banks Rock east of Hyden.

Flowering Months

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Description

A widespread **species** 150–250 mm high with four to eight leaves forming a ground-hugging or ascending **basal rosette** 12–24 mm across, three to six **cauline** leaves and one (rarely two) translucent, green and white flowers 5–6 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is often found growing with Karri Snail Orchid (*Pterostylis karri*) but is shorter with smaller flowers and has a shorter less prominently pointed **dorsal sepal**.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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