

Pterostylis dilatata

Name and Authority

Pterostylis dilatata A.S.George

Synonyms (previous names)

Linguella dilatata; Diplodium dilatatum

Common Name

Robust Snail Orchid

Complex Name

Pterostylis 'other'

Originally Described by

Alexander George in Nuytsia 5:61 (1984)

Distribution and Habitat

Northampton to Toolina Cove, growing in sandy, sandy-clay, lateritic and granitic soils in forests, woodlands, shrublands and shallow soil pockets on granite outcrops.

Flowering Months

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Description

An early flowering **species** 50–150 mm high with three to five **cauline** leaves 5–20 mm long by 1–4 mm wide and one (rarely two) translucent, green and pale white flowers 7–10 mm across. Vegetative plants have a **basal rosette** of leaves and flowering plants have just **cauline** leaves.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from members of the *Pterostylis aspera* **complex** by its smaller flowers and thickened **lateral sepals**. Unlike members of the *Pterostylis nana* **complex** it lacks a **basal rosette** of leaves when flowering.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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