

Pterostylis ectypha

Name and Authority

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

Synonyms (previous names)

Pterostylis sp. 'northern thick sepals'; Diplodium ectyphum

Common Name

Thick-sepaled Snail Orchid, Murdoch Snail Orchid

Complex Name

Pterostylis nana (Snail Orchids)

Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in Australian Orchid Review 82(4): 46-48, Fig. 2 (2017) as Diplodium ectyphum

Distribution and Habitat

Regans Ford to Israelite Bay, growing in sandy, sandy-clay and lateritic soils in forests and woodlands. The [species](#) predominantly occurs in coastal and near coastal areas but also extends in rare populations inland to near Brookton.

Flowering Months

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Description

A robust [species](#) 80–240 mm high with five to seven leaves forming a ground hugging or ascending [basal rosette](#) 25–70 mm across, four to 10 [cauline](#) leaves and one (rarely two) translucent, green and white flowers 4–7 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the closely related Short Eared Snail Orchid (*Pterostylis brevisepala*) by its taller stature, larger, more numerous [cauline](#) leaves, more numerous [rosette](#) leaves and narrower tips to the [lateral sepals](#).

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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