

Pterostylis exserta

Name and Authority

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Synonyms (previous names)

Pterostylis sp. 'Arrowsmith'; Pterostylis sp. 'exserted labellum'; Oligochaetochilus sp. 'exserted labellum'; Oligochaetochilus exsertus

Common Name

Exserted Rufous Greenhood

Complex Name

Pterostylis rufa (Rufus Greenhoods)

Originally Described by

David Jones in Australian Orchid Review 80(1): 44-47, Fig. 1 (2015) as Oligochaetochilus exsertus

Distribution and Habitat

Mingenew to Hyden, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soils in woodlands and shrublands.

Flowering Months

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Description

A common rufus greenhood 100–350 mm high with six to 15 leaves forming a ground-hugging **basal rosette** 20–170 mm across and up to seven translucent, green and white flowers 8 to 11 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Elegant Rufous Greenhood (*Pterostylis elegantissima*) by its paler coloured **labellum** and north-westerly distribution. From Spoon-lipped Rufous Greenhood (*P. spathulata*) it is distinguished by its erect flowers and flattened, rather than cupped **sepals**.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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Pterostylis exserta distribution



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