

Pterostylis frenchii

Name and Authority

Pterostylis frenchii (D.L.Jones) A.P.Br.

Synonyms (previous names)

Pterostylis aff. picta; Pterostylis sp. Yalgorup; Oligochaetochilus sp. Yalgorup; Oligochaetochilus frenchii

Common Name

Tuart Rufous Greenhood

Complex Name

Pterostylis rufa (Rufous Greenhoods)

Originally Described by

David Jones in The Orchadian 14(10): 444-446 (2004) as Oligochaetochilus frenchii

Distribution and Habitat

Perth to Busselton, growing in sandy soil in near coastal woodlands and shrublands.

Flowering Months

. Oct Nov Dec

Description

A late flowering, near coastal [species](#) 100–200 mm high with six to 10 leaves forming a ground-hugging [basal rosette](#) 30–40 mm across and up to 12 translucent, green and white or brown and white flowers 6–8 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from Painted Rufous Greenhood (*Pterostylis picta*) by its shorter stature, generally later flowering period and westerly distribution.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Priority Two

Notes

Named in honour of WA Native Orchid Study and Conservation Group member(s): Christopher French



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Pterostylis frenchii distribution



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