

# Pterostylis gracillima

## Name and Authority

**Pterostylis gracillima** (D.L.Jones & C.J.French) D.L.Jones & C.J.French

## Synonyms (previous names)

Pterostylis sp. 'long sepals'; Diplodium gracillimum

## Common Name

Long Sepaled Snail Orchid

## Complex Name

Pterostylis nana (Snail Orchids)

## Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in Australian Orchid Review 84(1): 24-26, Fig. 2 (2019) as Diplodium gracillimum

## Distribution and Habitat

Mt Lindesay to Northcliffe, growing in shallow soil pockets on granite outcrops.

## Flowering Months

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## Description

A narrow **species** 70–250 mm high with five to 10 leaves forming a ground-hugging or ascending **basal rosette** 10–30 mm across, three to four **cauline** leaves and one (rarely two) translucent, green and white flowers 4–5 mm across.

## Distinguishing Features

Apart from **habitat** (granite outcrops vs swamps) there is little difference between this **species** and Small **Rosette** Snail Orchid (Pterostylis microphylla) and they may represent forms of the same **species**.

## WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



*Pterostylis gracillima*



*Pterostylis gracillima* distribution



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