

Pterostylis grossa

Name and Authority

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

Synonyms (previous names)

Pterostylis sp. 'Ravensthorpe'; Pterostylis sp. 'coastal snail'; Diplodium grossum

Common Name

Ravensthorpe Snail Orchid

Complex Name

Pterostylis nana (Snail Orchids)

Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in Australian Orchid Review 84(3): 39-40 (2019) as Diplodium grossum

Distribution and Habitat

Millers Point to Israelite Bay, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soils in woodlands and shrublands.

Flowering Months

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Description

A robust **species** 100–200 mm high with four to seven leaves forming a ground-hugging **basal rosette** 16–40 mm across, two to three **cauline** leaves and one (rarely two) translucent, green and white flowers 7–9 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Helena River Snail Orchid (*Pterostylis angulata*) by its fewer, larger **cauline** leaves, shortly hairy flower **scape**, more narrowly flared **lateral sepals** and south-easterly distribution.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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