

## Pterostylis hamiltonii

### Name and Authority

**Pterostylis hamiltonii** Nicholls

### Synonyms (previous names)

*Pterostylis* sp. 'robust'; *Diplodium hamiltonii*

### Common Name

Red-veined Shell Orchid

### Complex Name

*Pterostylis aspera* (Shell Orchids)

### Originally Described by

William Nicholls in *Victorian Naturalist* 50: 89-91 (1933)

### Distribution and Habitat

York to Stirling Range, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soils in woodlands and shrublands. Plants often occupy shallow soil pockets on granite outcrops.

### Flowering Months

· · · · May Jun Jul Aug · · · ·

### Description

A robust **species** 50–150 mm high with three to six **cauline** leaves 20–40 mm long by 2–7 mm wide and one (rarely two) translucent, brown to reddish-brown (more rarely green) and white flowers 12–15 mm across.

### Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Brown-veined Shell Orchid (*Pterostylis aspera*) by its larger flowers, longer, distinctly curled **labellum** and inland distribution.

### WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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