

# WANOSCG Orchid Fact Sheet

## Pterostylis heberlei

### Name and Authority

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



*Pterostylis heberlei*

### Synonyms (previous names)

Pterostylis sp. 'long beak'; Pterostylis sp. 'Gull Rock'; Plumatichilos heberlei

### Common Name

Herberle's Bird Orchid

### Complex Name

Pterostylis barbata/barbata (Bird Orchids)



*Pterostylis heberlei* distribution

Originally Described by  
David Jones & Christopher French in Australian Orchid Review 82(1): 50-51 (2017) as *Plumatichilos heberlei*



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### Distribution and Habitat

Gull Rock to West Cape Howe, growing in sandy soils in woodlands and shrublands. Due to its rarity the species is listed as Priority Flora in Western Australia.

### Flowering Months

..... Aug Sep Oct ..

### Description

A south coastal species 250–400 mm high with a loose, ascending rosette of leaves 12–35 mm across, two to six cauline leaves and one (rarely two) translucent, brown-marked, green and white flowers 8–12 mm across.

### Distinguishing Features

It is similar in morphology to Muirs Highway Bird Orchid (*Pterostylis longicornis*) and may be a variant of that species.

### WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Priority Two

### Notes

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

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