

# Pterostylis insectifera

## Name and Authority

**Pterostylis insectifera** M.A.Clem.

## Synonyms (previous names)

*Pterostylis insectifera*; *Oligochaetochilus insectifer*; *Oligochaetochilus insectifera*

## Common Name

Insect-lipped Rufous Greenhood

## Complex Name

*Pterostylis rufa* (Rufous Greenhoods)

## Originally Described by

Mark Clements in *Austral.Orchid Res.* 1:123 (1989)

## Distribution and Habitat

Rothsay to Balladonia, growing in sandy-clay and clay soils in woodlands, shrublands and shallow soil pockets on granite outcrops and rocky hills.

## Flowering Months

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## Description

A distinctive [species](#) 200–300 mm high with seven to 10 leaves forming a ground-hugging [basal rosette](#) 40–45 mm across and up to eight translucent, green and white or brown and white flowers 8–10 mm across.

## Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Exserted Rufous Greenhood (*Pterostylis exserta*) by its shorter [dorsal](#) and [lateral sepals](#) and predominantly more easterly distribution.

## WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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*Pterostylis insectifera* distribution



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