

Pterostylis karri

Name and Authority

Pterostylis karri D.L.Jones & C.J.French

Synonyms (previous names)

Pterostylis sp. 'karri'; Pterostylis sp. 'karri forest'; Diplodium karri

Common Name

Karri Snail Orchid

Complex Name

Pterostylis nana (Snail Orchids)

Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in Austral.Orchid Rev. 79(3):42-45 (2014)

Distribution and Habitat

Augusta to Porongorup, growing in sandy, sandy-clay and lateritic soils in forests and woodlands.

Flowering Months

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Description

A tall **species** 150–300 mm high with six to 10 leaves forming a ground-hugging or ascending **basal rosette** 16–60 mm across, five to seven **cauline** leaves and one (rarely two) translucent, green and white flowers 5.5–6.5 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the similar and often co-occurring Slender Snail orchid (*Pterostylis crispula*) by its taller flower scapes, larger flowers and longer more prominently pointed **dorsal sepal**.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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Pterostylis karri distribution



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