

Pterostylis longicornis

Name and Authority

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

Synonyms (previous names)

Pterostylis sp. 'Muir's Highway'; Plumatichilos longicornis

Common Name

Muir's Highway Bird Orchid

Complex Name

Pterostylis barbata/barbata (Bird Orchids)

Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in Australian Orchid Review 82(5): 27-30, Fig. 1 (2017) as Plumatichilos longicornis

Distribution and Habitat

Manjimup to east of Frankland with a disjunct population at Myalup, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soils in forests and woodlands.

Flowering Months

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Description

A geographically restricted **species** 250–350 mm high with a loose, ascending **rosette** of leaves 12–40 mm across, two to six **cauline** leaves and one (rarely two) translucent, brown-marked, green and white flowers 10–12 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is similar in **morphology** to Heberle's Bird Orchid (*Pterostylis heberlei*) and may be a variant of that **species**, differing mainly in its more inland distribution. From other members of the *Pterostylis barbata* **complex** it is distinguished by its large flowers and very long points to the **sepals**.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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Pterostylis longicornis distribution



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