

Pterostylis lortensis

Name and Authority

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

Synonyms (previous names)

Pterostylis sp. 'south coast clubbed sepals'; Pterostylis sp. 'Millers Point'; Pterostylis sp. 'yellow';
Diplodium lortensis

Common Name

Lort River Snail Orchid

Complex Name

Pterostylis nana (Snail Orchids)

Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in Austral.Orchid Rev. 79(2):25-26 (2014)

Distribution and Habitat

Pallinup River to Cape Arid, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soils in seasonally wet flats, drainage lines and soil pockets on granite outcrops.

Flowering Months

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Description

A swamp loving **species** 30–140 mm high with three to five **basal** leaves that form an ascending **rosette** 12–36 mm across, two to five **cauline** leaves and one (rarely two) translucent, green and white flowers 3.5–4 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the closely related **Clubbed** Snail Orchid (*Pterostylis glebosa*) predominantly by its south-easterly distribution. Otherwise they are very similar and may be forms of the same **species**.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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