

Pterostylis macrosceles

Name and Authority

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

Synonyms (previous names)

Pterostylis sp. 'slender rufa'; Oligochaetochilus macrosceles

Common Name

Slender Rufous Greenhood

Complex Name

Pterostylis rufa (Rufous Greenhoods)

Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in Australian Orchid Review 79(4): 50-52 (2014) as Oligochaetochilus macrosceles

Distribution and Habitat

Diamals Station to Nyabing, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soils in woodlands and shrublands, and in shallow soil pockets on inland granite outcrops.

Flowering Months

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Description

A rare, long-sepaled [species](#) 100–350 mm high with six to 10 leaves forming a ground-hugging [basal rosette](#) 40–80 mm across and up to eight translucent, green and white or brown and white flowers 10–13 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Spoon-lipped Rufous Greenhood (*Pterostylis spathulata*) by its flatter, square topped [lateral sepals](#) which have much longer points.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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