

Pterostylis meridionalis

Name and Authority

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

Synonyms (previous names)

Diplodium meridionalis; Pterostylis sp. 'Cape Arid'

Common Name

Southern Thick-sepalled Snail Orchid

Complex Name

Pterostylis nana (Snail Orchids)

Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in Australian Orchid Review 82(4): 50-51, Fig. 3 (2017) as Diplodium meridionalis

Distribution and Habitat

Cheynes Beach to Cape Arid, growing in sandy soils in coastal woodlands and shrublands. In some areas the [species](#) is common in shallow soil pockets on granite outcrops.

Flowering Months

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Description

A coastal [species](#) 20–100 mm high with four to six leaves forming a ground-hugging or ascending [basal rosette](#) 10–28 mm across, three to four [cauline](#) leaves and one (rarely two) translucent, green and white flowers 4.5–5.5 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from Eastern Granite Snail orchid (*Pterostylis voigtii*), which also grows in shallow soil pockets on granite outcrops, by its prominently flared [petals](#) and longer [lateral sepals](#).

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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[Pterostylis meridionalis distribution](#)



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