

# Pterostylis microglossa

## Name and Authority

**Pterostylis microglossa** D.L.Jones & C.J.French

## Synonyms (previous names)

Pterostylis aff. aspera; Pterostylis sp. 'Kalbarri'; Pterostylis sp. 'mid-west coast'; Diplodium microglossum

## Common Name

Kalbarri Shell Orchid

## Complex Name

Pterostylis aspera (Shell Orchids)

## Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in Austral.Orchid Rev. 77(4):41-44, Fig.2 (2012)

## Distribution and Habitat

Zuytdorf Cliffs to Jurien Bay, growing in sandy soils in coastal woodlands and shrublands. The [species](#) is particularly common in soil pockets in areas of exposed limestone.

## Flowering Months

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## Description

A northern [species](#) 50–120 mm high with four to six [cauline](#) leaves 10–30 mm long by 3–6 mm wide and one (rarely two) translucent, dull green (more rarely brown) and white flowers 8–10 mm across.

## Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Brown-veined Orchid (*Pterostylis aspera*) by its smaller flowers and northerly distribution.

## WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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[Pterostylis microglossa distribution](#)



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