

# Pterostylis neopolyphylla

## Name and Authority

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## Synonyms (previous names)

*Pterostylis polyphylla*; *Diplodium polyphyllum*

## Common Name

Mount Many Peaks snail

## Complex Name

*Pterostylis nana* (Snail Orchids)

## Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in *Australian Orchid Review* 84(3): 40-42 (2019) as *Diplodium polyphyllum*

## Distribution and Habitat

Mount Manypeaks area, growing in shallow sand over granite in coastal shrublands.

## Flowering Months

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## Description

A little known **species** 40–60 mm high with seven to nine **basal** leaves forming a ground hugging or ascending **basal rosette** 16–36 mm across, two to three **cauline** leaves and one (rarely two) translucent, green and white flowers 4–5 mm across.

## Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Lort River Snail Orchid (*Pterostylis lortensis*) by its narrower, more numerous **cauline** leaves and shorter **sepals** which are distinctly **clubbed**. From Mt Chudalup Snail Orchid (*P. tylosa*) it is distinguished by its more numerous **rosette** leaves and smaller flower.

## WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Priority Two



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*Pterostylis neopolyphylla* distribution

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