

Pterostylis orbiculata

Name and Authority

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

Synonyms (previous names)

Pterostylis sp. 'northern'; Pterostylis sp. 'Dongara'; Pterostylis sp. 'coastal'; Urochilus orbiculatus

Common Name

Small Banded Greenhood Orchid

Complex Name

Pterostylis vittata (Banded Greenhoods)

Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in Australian Orchid Review 82(3): 52-53 (2017) as Urochilus orbiculatus

Distribution and Habitat

Kalbarri to Mandurah, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soils in woodlands and shrublands.

Flowering Months

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Description

A coastal and near coastal **species** 200–400 mm high with 10 to 20 **cauline** leaves 40–60 mm long by 7–10 mm wide and up to 12 semi translucent, dark green and white or dark brown and white flowers 10–14 mm across. The original concept for Pterostylis orbiculata was the northern Small Banded Greenhood (P. sp. 'small bands') which is short and has few flowers with rounded, flattened **lateral sepals**. However, the **type** of P. orbiculata was selected from a population of plants that better matched the **species** known at that time as Coastal Banded Greenhood (P. sp. 'coastal') which is tall and has numerous flowers with narrower, often slightly cupped **lateral sepals**. Both of these **taxa** are currently thought to represent forms of P. orbiculata.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from Dark Banded Greenhood (Pterostylis sanguinea) by its smaller, usually more widely separated flowers and narrower **sepals**.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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Pterostylis orbiculata distribution



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