

# Pterostylis pyramidalis

## Name and Authority

**Pterostylis pyramidalis** Lindl.

## Synonyms (previous names)

*Pterostylis nana* var. *pyramidalis*; *Linguella pyramidalis*; *Diplodium pyramidalis*

## Common Name

Tall Snail Orchid

## Complex Name

*Pterostylis nana* (Snail Orchids)

## Originally Described by

John Lindley in Sketch Veg.Swan R. 53 (1840)

## Distribution and Habitat

Gingin to Albany, growing in sandy-clay soils in seasonally wet flats.

## Flowering Months

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## Description

A tall **species** 100–400 mm high with four or five **basal** leaves forming an ascending **basal rosette** 20–30 mm across, six to 10 **cauline** leaves and one (rarely two) translucent, green and white flowers 6–8 mm across.

## Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the other members of the *Pterostylis nana* **complex** by its loose **basal rosette** of leaves and tall flower **scape** up to 400 mm high.

## WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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*Pterostylis pyramidalis* distribution



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