

# Pterostylis saxosa

## Name and Authority

**Pterostylis saxosa** (D.L.Jones & C.J.French) D.L.Jones & C.J.French

## Synonyms (previous names)

Pterostylis sp. 'granite bird'; Plumatichilos saxosus

## Common Name

Granite Bird Orchid

## Complex Name

Pterostylis barbata/turfosa (Bird Orchids)

## Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in Australian Orchid Review 82(5): 34-35 (2017) as Plumatichilos saxosus

## Distribution and Habitat

Shannon to Walpole, growing in shallow soil pockets on granite outcrops.

## Flowering Months

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## Description

A granite outcrop **species** 90–150 mm high with a loose, ascending **rosette** of leaves 10–20 mm across, two to four **cauline** leaves and one (rarely two) translucent, light green and white flowers 8–10 mm across.

## Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from Bearded Bird Orchid (*Pterostylis turfosa*) by its usually shorter stature, smaller, narrower flowers, narrowly separated **lateral sepals** and granite outcrop **habitat**.

## WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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*Pterostylis saxosa* distribution



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