

Pterostylis saxum

Name and Authority

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

Synonyms (previous names)

Diplodium saxum

Common Name

Castle Rock Snail Orchid

Complex Name

Pterostylis nana (Snail Orchids)

Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in Australian Orchid Review 84(1): 26-28, Fig. 3 (2019) as Diplodium saxum

Distribution and Habitat

Stirling Range to Northcliffe, growing in loamy soil amongst boulders.

Flowering Months

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Description

A rock loving **species** 80–150 mm high with four to six leaves forming a ground-hugging or ascending **basal rosette** 16–30 mm across, two to three **cauline** leaves and one (rarely two) translucent, green and white flowers 7–9 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Slender Snail Orchid (*Pterostylis crispula*) by its less numerous, smooth margined **rosette** leaves, larger flowers and shorter **sepals**.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Priority Two



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Pterostylis saxum distribution



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