

Pterostylis scabrella

Name and Authority

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

Synonyms (previous names)

Diplodium scabrellum

Common Name

Rough-lipped Snail Orchid

Complex Name

Pterostylis nana (Snail Orchids)

Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in Australian Orchid Review 84(1): 28-30, Fig. 4 (2019) as Diplodium scabrellum

Distribution and Habitat

Preston Beach to Albany, growing in sandy and lateritic soils in forests and woodlands.

Flowering Months

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Description

A south coastal [species](#) 50–250 mm high with four to eight leaves forming a ground-hugging or ascending [basal rosette](#) 24–44 mm across arranged spirally up the stem, one to four [cauline](#) leaves and one (rarely two) translucent, green and white flowers 6–7 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the similar Slender Snail Orchid (*Pterostylis crispula*) by its smaller flowers, shorter [lateral sepals](#) and [labellum](#) with scabrous margins.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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[Pterostylis scabrella distribution](#)



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