

Pterostylis scitula

Name and Authority

Pterostylis scitula D.L.Jones & C.J.French

Synonyms (previous names)

Pterostylis sp. 'elegant snail orchid'; Diplodium scitulum

Common Name

Elegant Snail Orchid

Complex Name

Pterostylis nana (Snail Orchids)

Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in Austral.Orchid Rev. 80(2):41-44 (2015)

Distribution and Habitat

Moora to Augusta, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soils in woodlands and shrublands.

Flowering Months

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Description

An uncommon **species** 75–135 mm high with four to six leaves forming a ground-hugging **basal rosette** 16–40 mm across, two to three **cauline** leaves and one (rarely two) translucent, green and white flowers 4–6 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the sometimes co-occurring Hairy-stemmed Snail Orchid (*Pterostylis setulosa*) and Broad-petaled Snail Orchid (*P. platypetala*) by its smaller flowers and smooth rather than hairy flower stem.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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Pterostylis scitula distribution



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