

Pterostylis telmata

Name and Authority

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

Synonyms (previous names)

Pterostylis sp. 'Cape Arid'; Diplodium telmatum

Common Name

Eastern Swamp Snail Orchid

Complex Name

Pterostylis nana (Snail Orchids)

Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in Austral.Orchid Rev. 79(3):46-47 (2014)

Distribution and Habitat

Esperance to Israelite Bay, growing in sandy and sandy-clay soils in seasonally wet flats. In seasons of high rainfall, the [species](#) is often found growing in water with just the flower above the surface.

Flowering Months

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Description

A swamp loving [species](#) 100–180 mm high with three to four [basal](#) leaves that form an ascending [rosette](#) 20–30 mm across, eight to 10 [cauline](#) leaves and one (rarely two) translucent, green and white flowers 5–6 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Lort River Snail Orchid (*Pterostylis lortensis*) by its taller stature, more numerous [cauline](#) leaves and less obvious [basal rosette](#).

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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