

# Pterostylis timothyi

## Name and Authority

**Pterostylis timothyi** (D.L.Jones) Janes & Duretto

## Synonyms (previous names)

Pterostylis sp. Fragile; Pterostylis sp. 'brittle'; Linguella timothyi; Diplodium timothyi

## Common Name

Brittle Snail Orchid

## Complex Name

Pterostylis nana (Snail Orchids)

## Originally Described by

David Jones in Australian Orchid Research 5: 82-83 (2006) as Linguella timothyi

## Distribution and Habitat

Westonia to Israelite Bay, growing in sandy, sandy-clay and clay soils in woodlands and shrublands.

## Flowering Months

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## Description

A diminutive **species** 50–150 mm high with four to six leaves forming a ground-hugging **basal rosette** 8–12 mm across, one to two **cauline** leaves and one (rarely two) translucent, dull green or fawn and white flowers 4–6 mm across.

## Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the closely related Fawn Snail Orchid (*Pterostylis parva*) by its taller stature and generally narrower flowers. Otherwise they are very similar and may represent forms of the same **species**.

## WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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