

Pterostylis turfosa

Name and Authority

Pterostylis turfosa Endl.

Synonyms (previous names)

Pterostylis sp. 'Esperance'; Plumatictilos turfosus

Common Name

Bearded Bird Orchid

Complex Name

Pterostylis barbata/turfosa (Bird Orchids)

Originally Described by

Stephan Endlicher in Lehm., Pl.Preiss. 2: 5 (1846)

Distribution and Habitat

Dardanup to Israelite Bay, growing in sandy soils in forests, woodlands and shrublands. In some areas it occupies shallow soil pockets on granite outcrops.

Flowering Months

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Description

A southern [species](#) 100–200 mm high with a loose, ascending [rosette](#) of leaves 12–35 mm across, two to four [cauline](#) leaves and one (rarely two) translucent, light green and white flowers 9–11 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from Late Bird Orchid (*Pterostylis serotina*) by its less bloated appearance, thinner [sepals](#) and generally earlier flowering period.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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[Pterostylis turfosa distribution](#)



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