

# Pterostylis virens

## Name and Authority

**Pterostylis virens** (D.L.Jones & C.J.French) D.L.Jones & C.J.French

## Synonyms (previous names)

Pterostylis sp. 'green flowers'; Oligochaetochilus virens

## Common Name

Green Spoon-lipped Rufous Greenhood

## Complex Name

Pterostylis rufa (Rufous Greenhoods)

## Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in Australian Orchid Review 81(5): 36-38, Fig. 4 (2016) as Oligochaetochilus virens

## Distribution and Habitat

Peak Charles to Diemals Station, growing in shallow soil pockets on granite outcrops.

## Flowering Months

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## Description

A rare inland **species** 50–200 mm high with six to 12 leaves forming a ground-hugging **basal rosette** 30–70 mm across and up to five translucent, green and white flowers 11–13 mm across.

## Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Spoon-lipped Rufous Greenhood (*Pterostylis spathulata*) by its green flowers, shorter **sepal** points and sparsely hairy **labellum**.

## WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Priority Three



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