

Pterostylis xerampelina

Name and Authority

Pterostylis xerampelina (D.L.Jones & C.J.French) D.L.Jones & C.J.French

Synonyms (previous names)

Oligochaetochilus xerampelinus

Common Name

Eastern Granite Rufous Greenhood

Complex Name

Pterostylis rufa (Rufous Greenhoods)

Originally Described by

David Jones & Christopher French in Australian Orchid Review 81(5): 39-40 (2016) as Oligochaetochilus xerampelinus

Distribution and Habitat

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

Flowering Months

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Description

An inland **species** 50–200 mm high with five to 15 leaves forming a ground-hugging **basal rosette** 30–70 mm across and up to 10 translucent, reddish-brown and white flowers 6–8 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Dainty Brown Rufous Greenhood (*Pterostylis tryphera*) by its thicker **scape**, larger flowers and forwardly curved rather than hanging **sepals**.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Priority One



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Pterostylis xerampelina distribution



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