

Pyrorchis forrestii

Name and Authority

Pyrorchis forrestii (F.Muell.) D.L.Jones & M.A.Clem.

Synonyms (previous names)

Lyperanthus forrestii; *Fitzgeraldia forrestii*; *Burnettia forrestii*; *Rostranthus forrestii*

Common Name

Pink Beaks

Originally Described by

Ferdinand von Mueller in Definitions of some new Australian plants. Southern Science Record 2: 55 (1882) as *Lyperanthus forrestii*

Distribution and Habitat

Augusta to Albany, growing in sandy-clay and clay soils in seasonally wet flats and shallow soil pockets on granite outcrops. Plants flower only in the season following summer fire.

Flowering Months

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Description

A sweetly perfumed species 100–300 mm high with a large, smooth, narrowly heart-shaped basal leaf 40–80 mm long by 20–40 mm wide and up to seven pale to deep pink (more rarely white) flowers 25–30 mm across. The species often has a second smaller basal leaf held opposite to the main leaf.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the closely related Red Beaks (*Pyrorchis nigricans*) by its pale to deep pink (more rarely white) flowers, later flowering period and swampy habitat.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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