

Rhizanthella

Name and Authority

Rhizanthella R.S.Rogers

Common Name

Underground Orchids

Originally Described by

Richard Rogers in J.Roy.Soc.Western Australia 15:1, t. I, II. (1928)

Flowering Months

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Description

Rhizanthella [species](#) are remarkable in that they spend their [entire](#) life cycle, including flowering, below the soil surface, this feature making them unique among the world's orchids. The two [species](#) found in Western Australia produce up to 100 small, inward facing flowers, surrounded by large floral bracts which curve over the flowers. Each plant has a horizontal [rhizome](#) 60–120 mm below the ground level which, like the rest of the plant, is succulent.

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