

Spiculaea

Name and Authority

Spiculaea Lindl.

Common Name

Elbow Orchids

Originally Described by

John Lindley in Edwards's Bot.Reg. p1vi. (1839)

Flowering Months

Jan Oct Nov Dec

Description

Spiculaea has a small, fleshy, smooth, oval shaped leaf and up to 10 small, straw coloured flowers with a narrow, erect **dorsal sepal**, narrow, hanging **petals** and **lateral sepals**, an incurved **column** with two large 'mantis-like' **wings** and a small, loosely hinged **labellum**. The **genus** is unique among Western Australian orchids in having a succulent flower stem which enables it to continue flowering and fruiting well after the leaf and base of the stem have shrivelled.



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