

Thelymitra benthamiana

Name and Authority

Thelymitra benthamiana Rchb.f.

Common Name

Leopard Orchid

Complex Name

Thelymitra fuscolutea (Sienna Sun Orchids)

Originally Described by

Heinrich Reichenbach in Beitr.Syst.Pflanzenk. 55 (1871)

Distribution and Habitat

Geraldton to Augusta and eastwards to Israelite Bay, growing on creek margins and seasonally moist flats. In dryer inland areas it occupies run-off areas on granite outcrops.

Flowering Months

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Description

A common **species** 200–350 mm high with a broad, smooth leaf 50–150 mm long by 20–30 mm wide and up to 10 pale yellow or yellowish-green and brown, spotted or blotched flowers 25–40 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Chestnut Sun Orchid (*Thelymitra fuscolutea*) by its generally less colourful flowers, more prominently bulbous **column** apex, fewer **column** hairs and earlier flowering period. It also has a much wider distribution.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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[Thelymitra benthamiana distribution](#)



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