

Thelymitra cornicina

Name and Authority

Thelymitra cornicina Rchb.f.

Common Name

Lilac Sun Orchid

Complex Name

Thelymitra crinita (Crested Sun Orchids)

Originally Described by

Heinrich Reichenbach in Beitr.Syst.Pflanzenk. 54 (1871)

Distribution and Habitat

Perth to Augusta and eastwards to Hopetoun, growing in sandy or, more rarely, rocky soils in woodlands, often adjacent to seasonally wet areas.

Flowering Months

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Description

An attractive species 200–500 mm high with a narrow, smooth leaf 100–200 mm long by 3–8 mm wide and up to eight lilac-blue flowers 20–30 mm across. The backs of the sepals have a reddish tinge.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Blue Lady Orchid (Thelymitra crinita) by its lilac-blue flowers and narrow leaf.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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