

Thelymitra frenchii

Name and Authority

Thelymitra frenchii Jeanes

Common Name

Scarp Sun Orchid

Complex Name

Thelymitra macrophylla (Blue Sun Orchids)

Originally Described by

Jeffrey Jeanes in Muelleria 19:66-67, Pl. 3: Fig. 33, Fig. 4d-f (2004)

Distribution and Habitat

Abyssinia Rock to Dwellingup, growing in shallow soil pockets on granite outcrops. Plants that may be this [species](#) have also been found on granite outcrops in the Manjimup and Pemberton areas.

Flowering Months

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Description

A rare rock inhabiting [species](#) 50–150 mm high with a narrow, smooth leaf 60–120 mm long by 5–12 mm wide and up to four blue, white or purple self-pollinating flowers 18–25 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the closely related Coastal Sun Orchid (*Thelymitra granitora*) by its smaller, less numerous flowers and more northerly, inland distribution.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed

Notes

Named in honour of WA Native Orchid Study and Conservation Group member(s): Christopher French

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