Thelymitra granitora

Name and Authority

Thelymitra granitora D.L.Jones & M.A.Clem.

Common Name

Coastal Sun Orchid

Complex Name

Thelymitra macrophylla (Blue Sun Orchids)

Originally Described by

David Jones & Mark Clements in Orchadian 12:326-327, Fig.1 (1998)

Distribution and Habitat

Meelup to Israelite Bay, predominantly growing on coastal granite outcrops with rare, scattered occurrences on inland granite outcrops northeast of Esperance.

Flowering Months

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Description

A coastal <u>species</u> 100–200 mm high with a narrow, smooth leaf 70–150 mm long by 8–12 mm wide and up to eight pale blue or white self-pollinating flowers 18–30 mm across. Plants found at the western end of its distribution are white flowered while those found elsewhere are blue flowered.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Scarp Sun Orchid (Thelymitra frenchii) by its larger, more numerous flowers and coastal distribution.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed

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