

Thelymitra macrophylla

Name and Authority

Thelymitra macrophylla Lindl.

Common Name

Scented Sun Orchid

Complex Name

Thelymitra macrophylla (Blue Sun Orchids)

Originally Described by

John Lindley in Sketch Veg.Swan R. 49 (1840)

Distribution and Habitat

Gingin to Augusta and eastwards to Esperance, growing in sandy, sandy-clay and lateritic soils in forests and woodlands.

Flowering Months

· · · · · Aug Sep Oct · ·

Description

A robust species 300–1000 mm high with a relatively broad (compared with other members of the complex), smooth, longitudinally-ribbed leaf 100–400 mm long by 20–40 mm wide and up to 30 fragrant, blue, mauve, purple, pink or white flowers 30–50 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the often co-occurring Shy Sun Orchid (*Thelymitra graminea*) by its taller inflorescence, larger, more numerous flowers, broader, prominently longitudinally-ridged leaf and earlier flowering period.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



Thelymitra macrophylla



Thelymitra macrophylla distribution



Thelymitra macrophylla



Thelymitra macrophylla



Thelymitra macrophylla

Copyright © 2024. WANOSCG All rights reserved. (ver: April 2024)



Web edition hosted at <https://keys.lucidcentral.org/keys/v4/wa-orchids/>