Thelymitra occidentalis

Name and Authority

Thelymitra occidentalis Jeanes

Common Name

Western Azure Sun Orchid

Complex Name

Thelymitra campanulata (Striped Sun Orchids)

Originally Described by

Jeffrey Jeanes in Muelleria 15:85-88, Figs. 2, 7 (2001)

Distribution and Habitat

Cheynes Beach to Eyre with a disjunct population east of Augusta, growing in sandy or sandy-clay soils in woodlands and shrublands. At Eyre it grows in low shrublands on the tops of limestone cliffs.



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Description

A south coastal <u>species</u> 100–400 mm high with a narrow, smooth leaf 100–150 mm long by 4–8 mm wide and up to 15 pink or blue, prominently striped flowers 20–30 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the other members of the Thelymitra campanulata complex by its usually darker blue flowers and mostly more easterly distribution.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed

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