

# Thelymitra petrophila

## Name and Authority

**Thelymitra petrophila** Jeanes

## Synonyms (previous names)

Thelymitra aff. macrophylla

## Common Name

Granite Sun Orchid

## Complex Name

Thelymitra macrophylla (Blue Sun Orchids)

## Originally Described by

Jeffrey Jeanes in Muelleria 31:10-13, Fig. 1d (2013)

## Distribution and Habitat

Mullewa to Balladonia with a disjunct population at Blacksone, growing in soil pockets on granite outcrops, rocky hills and breakaways.

## Flowering Months

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## Description

A rock-inhabiting [species](#) 100–350 mm high with a narrow, smooth leaf 80–150 mm long by 4–6 mm wide and up to 10 blue, purple, pink or white flowers 20–30 mm across. Plants at the eastern end of its geographic range between Norseman and Balladonia are shorter and have smaller flowers.

## Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Shy Sun Orchid (*Thelymitra graminea*) and Scented Sun Orchid (*T. macrophylla*) by its generally shorter [inflorescence](#), inland distribution and granite outcrop [habitat](#).

## WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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