Thelymitra sp. 'northern laterite'

Name and Authority

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Common Name

Northern Star Orchid

Complex Name

Thelymitra fuscolutea (Sienna Sun Orchids)

Originally Described by

Undescribed

Distribution and Habitat

Gingin to Dongara, growing in sandy-clay and lateritic soil on the tops of low lateritic hills.

Flowering Months

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Description

A recently recognised <u>species</u> 200–300 mm high with a broad, smooth leaf 50–150 mm long by 20–30 mm wide which is often shrivelled at the time of flowering and up to seven orange and yellow, cinnamon-scented flowers 30–40 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the closely related Star Orchid (Thelymitra stellata) by its taller <u>inflorescence</u> and less prominently blotched flowers. It also has an earlier flowering period and more northerly distribution.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed

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<u>Thelymitra</u> sp. 'northern laterite' <u>distribution</u>



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