Thelymitra sp. 'Ongerup'

Name and Authority

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Common Name

Orange Sun Orchid

Complex Name

Thelymitra fuscolutea (Sienna Sun Orchids)

Originally Described by

Undescribed

Distribution and Habitat

West Arthur to Jerramungup, growing in rocky clay soil in shrublands.

Flowering Months

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Description

A rarely seen <u>species</u> 100–300 mm high with a broad, smooth leaf 50–100 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 similar York Sun Orchid (Thelymitra yorkensis) by its generally more apically crowded, darker orange and yellow flowers. From the related Star Sun Orchid (T. stellata) it is distinguished in having fewer, less prominently blotched flowers.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Priority Three

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