

Thelymitra speciosa

Name and Authority

Thelymitra speciosa Jeanes

Synonyms (previous names)

Thelymitra aff. variegata

Common Name

Eastern Queen of Sheba

Complex Name

Thelymitra spiralis/variegata (Lobed Sun Orchids, the Queens)

Originally Described by

Jeffrey Jeanes in Muelleria 27:166-168, Figs. 8, 12a-c (2009)

Distribution and Habitat

Cranbrook to Condingup and northwards to Southern Cross, growing in sandy-clay soils in shrublands.

Flowering Months

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Description

An attractive [species](#) 100–200 mm high with a narrow, smooth leaf 30–70 mm long by 4–8 mm wide at its widest point and up to two purple and golden-yellow flowers 30–50 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from the related Southern Queen of Sheba (*Thelymitra porphyrosticta*) by its fewer flowered [inflorescence](#), more northerly and easterly distribution and preference for sandy-clay rather than sandy soils.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed



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