Thelymitra xanthotricha

Name and Authority

Thelymitra xanthotricha Jeanes

Common Name

Yellow Tufted Sun Orchid

Complex Name

Thelymitra macrophylla (Blue Sun Orchids)

Originally Described by

Jeffrey Jeanes in Muelleria 19:75-77, Fig. 8d-f; Plate 4, Fig. 41 (2004)

Distribution and Habitat

Armadale to Westdale with disjunct populations at Pemberton and east of Esperance, growing in seasonally wet areas amongst scattered low shrubs and sedges. The <u>species</u> is now rare near Perth where it is confined to a few remnant seasonally wet swamps.



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Description

An attractive <u>species</u> 200–350 mm high with a narrow, smooth leaf 100–200 mm long by 5–10 mm wide and up to six pale to deep blue, self-pollinating flowers 15–25 mm across.

Distinguishing Features

It is distinguished from other members of the Thelymitra macrophylla <u>complex</u> by its yellow, more densely-tufted <u>lateral</u> lobes.

WA Conservation Code (Threatened Status)

Not Listed

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