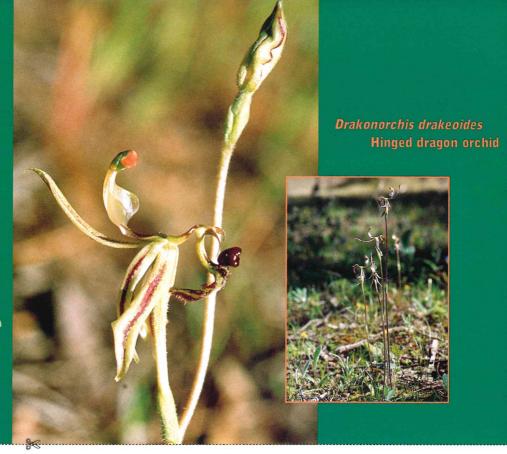
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inged dragon orchid

Hinged dragon orchid is an inconspicuous species that is found under paperbarks and wattles on the margins of salt lakes between Beacon and Watheroo. It is readily seperated from other dragon orchid species by its hanging, rather than spreading, petals and sepals.

Between August and October the flower, which has an unusual hinged insect-like lip (labellum), is borne singly or in pairs on a stem 12–30cm high. This lip is gives off a powerful chemical that attracts male flower wasps.

Rising salinity and habitat degradation threaten all known populations located in the northern and western Wheatbelt.

CALM is working with the community and landowners to conserve the hinged dragon orchid on private property and other lands, such as road reserves. If the hinged dragon orchid is found on private property, CALM will assist the landowners to conserve populations.

We are interested in finding more populations of this plant in your area.

If you have seen this flower, we would like to hear from you. You can help by returning the detachable form below or by contacting Alex Agafonoff at CALM Merredin, phone: (08) 9041 2488, fax: (08) 9041 2454, email: alexa@calm.wa.gov.au or Conservation Officer at CALM Moora, phone: (08) 9651 1424, fax: (08) 9651 1698.

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