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ORCHIDS

Stirling Range National Park

Stated after the name are date of flowering and flower colour, the height of the plant in a good season (often much less in a poor season) and habitat.

- Acianthus reniformis* Mosquito Orchid. Jun - Aug; brown; 10cms; damp shady places.
- Caladenia aphylla* Leafless Orchid. Mar - Apr; cream; 20cm; sandy heath.
- Caladenia barbarossa* Dragon Orchid. Sept - Nov; green, red and yellow; loamy woodland.
- Caladenia bryceana* Dwarf Spider Orchid. Sept; green; 5cm.
- Caladenia cairnsiana* Zebra Orchid. Aug - Oct; red and yellow; 10cm; loamy woodland.
- Caladenia dilatata* Green Spider Orchid. Sept - Nov; green, yellow and maroon; 40cm; sandy woodland.
- Caladenia filamentosa* Red Spider Orchid. Jul - Sept; red and white; 20cm; heath.
- Caladenia flava* Cowslip Orchid. Aug - Oct; yellow and red; 10cm; all areas.
- Caladenia hirta* Sugar Candy Orchid. Sept - Oct; pink and white; 20cm; damp loamy woodland.
- Caladenia huegelii* King Spider Orchid. Sept - Oct; yellowish red; 40cm; woodland.
- Caladenia latifolia* Pink Fairy Orchid. Nov - Dec; pink; 15cm; shady woodland.
- Caladenia lobata* Butterfly Orchid. Aug - Sept; yellow, red and green; 35cm; sheltered gullies.
- Caladenia marginata* White Fairy Orchid. Sept - Oct; white; 20cm; damp heaths.
- Caladenia nana* Pink Fan Spider Orchid. July - Sept; pink; 15cm; woodland.
- Caladenia patersonii* White Spider Orchid. Sept - Nov; white and red; 40cm; woodland and heath.
- Caladenia sericea* Silky Blue Orchid. July - Sept; blue; 40cm; sandy woodlands.
- Corybas dilatatus* Helmet Orchid. June - Aug; purplish brown; 2cm; damp shady gullies.
- Cryptostylis ovata* Slipper Orchid. Oct - Feb; brown; 50cm; damp sandy woodland.
- Diuris laxiflora* Bee Orchid. Sept - Nov; yellow and brown; 20cm; winter-wet places.
- Diuris longifolia* Donkey Orchid. July - Sept; yellow, brown and purple; 20cm; woodland and heath on sand and gravel.
- Diuris setacea* Bristly Donkey Orchid. Sept - Nov; yellow and brown; 20cm.
- Drakea glyptodon* King-in-his-Carriage. Aug - Sept; purple and brown; 20cm; woodland and heath on sand and gravel.
- Elythranthera brunonis* Purple Enamel Orchid. Oct - Nov; shiny purple; 25cm; sandy heath.
- Elythranthera emarginata* Pink Enamel Orchid. Aug - Oct; shiny pink; 30cm; heaths.
- Eriochilus dilatatus* White Bunny Orchid. Mar - Apr; white; 20cm; sandy heaths and woodland.
- Leporella fimbriata* Hare Orchid. Apr - Aug; green and purple; 10cm; heaths.

- Lyperanthus nigricans* Elephant's Tongues. Aug - Oct (after fire); reddish brown; 15cm; woodland and heath.
- Lyperanthus serratus* Rattlebeaks. Sept - Oct; green and brown; 30cm; heath.
- Microtis alba* White Mignonette Orchid. Oct - Jan; white; 40cm; woodland.
- Microtis unifolia* Mignonette Orchid. Oct; green; 30cm; wet areas.
- Paracaleana nigrita* Flying Duck Orchid. Aug - Oct; purple and brown; 10cm; sandy woodland.
- Prasophyllum cucullatum* Hooded Leek Orchid. Sept - Oct; purple; 10cm; heath.
- Prasophyllum macrostachyum* Laughing Leek Orchid. July - Oct; green; 10cm; wet areas.
- Pterostylis angusta* Narrow Greenhood. June - Aug; green and white; 30cm; woodland.
- Pterostylis barbata* Bird Orchid. Aug - Sept; green; 15cm; sandy woodland.
- Pterostylis nana* Dwarf Greenhoods. July - Oct; green; 10cm; damp shady places.
- Pterostylis recurva* Jug Orchid. June - Aug; green and white; 50cm; sandy wooded areas.
- Pterostylis vittata* Greenhood. June - Aug; green and white or brown and white; 20cm; woodland.
- Thelymitra antennifera* Lemon Orchid. Aug - Oct; yellow and red; 15cm; damp areas.
- Thelymitra canaliculata* Blue Sun Orchid. Sept - Dec; blue striped; 30cm; sandy woodland.
- Thelymitra crinata* Blue Lady Orchid. Sept - Dec; blue; 50cm; sandy woodland.
- Thelymitra fuscolutea* Leopard Orchid. Sept - Dec; yellow with brown spots; 50cm; woodland and heath.
- Thelymitra nuda* Plain Sun Orchid. Sept; lilac; 40cm; woodland.
- Thelymitra villosa* Custard Orchid. Aug - Oct; yellow and brown; 15cm; woodland.

There are probably many more Orchids that occur in the Stirling Range and could be added to this list. Should you note anything of interest, whether a species not recorded here or an extension to the flowering time or habitat, please make a record of it and inform the Ranger.

FOR FURTHER REFERENCE

There are a number of books specifically about Australian Orchids. Also, three books contain special sections on the Stirling Range:

Flowers and Plants of Western Australia; by Rica Erickson, A.S. George, N.G. Marchant and M.K. Morecombe; pub. A.H. & A.W. Reed, 1973.

Some Wildflowers of Western Australia; Western Australian Department of Agriculture, Bulletin No. 3709, March, 1970.

Wildflowers of the Stirling Range National Park; National Parks Authority, Western Australia, 1977.

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