

Plant of the Month — August 2017

Chamaescilla maculata R.W.Davis & A.P.Br. — Red-Spotted Squill



Chamaescilla maculata (Red-Spotted Squill) is a small, tuberous, perennial herb growing to 7 cm high. It is currently only known from two populations between Jurien Bay and Kalbarri, where it occurs in low heath with herbs, in boggy, seasonally wet areas. The small, delicate, white flowers can be seen from July-September. The fruits are produced from late winter to early spring.

The species epithet is from the Latin *maculatus* (spotted) in reference to the reddish to purple markings at the ends of the perianth, mostly on the abaxial surface.

Chamaescilla maculata, a conservation listed taxon, was [described this year](#) by Departmental staff [Rob Davis](#) and Andrew Brown in our journal *Nuytsia*.

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