

## Plant of the Month — May 2020

### *Caladenia drummondii* Benth. — Winter Spider Orchid



*Caladenia drummondii* (Winter Spider Orchid) is one of the earliest flowering of the south-west spider orchids and at roughly 10 cm high it is probably the smallest spider orchid. Although small, the flowers, just one per plant, are quite striking with their green-yellow recurved petals and maroon coloured labellum.

This species was named in 1873 after James Drummond, the first government naturalist for the state, and the collector of the type specimen. The Winter Spider Orchid can be seen flowering in open woodlands and *Melaleuca* thickets from north of Geraldton to southern parts of the wheat-belt from May to July.

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