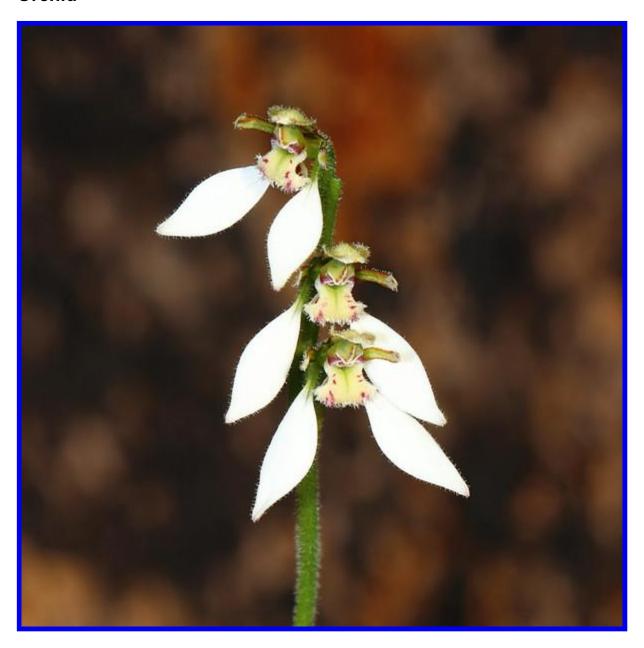


Plant of the Month — April 2021

Eriochilus dilatatus subsp. multiflorus (Lindl.) Hopper & A.P.Br. — White Bunny Orchid



Eriochilus dilatatus subsp. *multiflorus* is commonly known as the White Bunny Orchid. This delicate slender herb, with distinctive erect scapes of up to 20 closely packed, white-cream flowers that feature a greenish to cream-coloured labellum with red spots, is one of the first orchids to flower in the year, beginning in early April. The subspecies epithet *multiflorus* means many flowered.

White Bunny Orchids can be found in the jarrah forest from north of Perth to Albany, and in coastal banksia woodlands. In some areas they co-occur with the Hare Orchid, *Leporella fimbriata*, which is also an early flowering species. 'Tis the season to hop to it and be one of the first to catch these beauties!

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