PLANT FACT SHEET

Caladenia patersonii R. Br.

GENUS *Caladenia* **FAMILY** Orchidaceae

COMMON NAMES Ground orchid, Common Spider Orchid

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tuber, Root

DESCRIPTION

A spider orchid. It has one leaf which is narrow and hairy. The stem is hairy and has 1-3 flowers. Flowers are large. They are 5 cm across. The tail is darker. They can be yellow, brown or red coloured.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in light forested areas. It needs a light, sandy well-drained soil. It needs a protected, partly shaded position. It is damaged by drought or frost.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by division.

Harvesting and Seed Production

Flowering occurs August to November.

NOTES

There are about 80-160-200 Caladenia species. Many are in Australia.

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