



Two-bristle Greenhood Orchid
Pterostylis biseta
A native treasure of Moorunde

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Thread Iris

Moraea setifolia



Flowering plants (keyserver.lucidcentral.org, QLD Biosecurity, Sheldon Navie)



Seedlings



Flower detail



Corms – these are dug-up by wombats, the inner eaten and husk discarded

Native to south-western Africa.

Description

Herb 4–20 cm high; corm 10–20 mm diam., tunic reddish brown.

Leaf usually solitary, narrow-linear, trailing, 20–60 cm long, 1–2 mm wide.

Scape 2–5 cm long, sometimes branched with 2–several cymes of 4–6 flowers; spathe bracts elliptic, 2–4 cm long, acuminate, subhyaline.

Tepals reflexed to spreading, 13–16 mm long, pale lilac, often spotted with purple; outer tepals spatulate, 5–9 mm wide, with central orange mark; inner tepals oblanceolate c. 2 mm wide.

Filaments fused at base.

Style branches with acute 2-fid crests 4–8 mm long.

Capsule cylindrical, 1–1.4 cm long, with filiform beak 7–10 mm long; seeds 1–1.5 mm long, brown.

(plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au)

