

Glossodia Minor (Small Wax Lip Orchid)



From Glossa – a tongue and Odus – a tooth

Named by Robert Brown 1810

Flowering time winter – July to August

Plant growing to 4 inches

Found fringes of heathland and forest borders, in grassland and leaf mould – forming colonies.

Prefers damp conditions from heathlands to open forest in broken light.

Prefers poor soils and sand.

Leaf short and narrow, green to pink in stems and bracts.

Aboriginal use – tubers eaten.

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