

Caladenia latifolia

Commonly: Pink Fairy Orchid

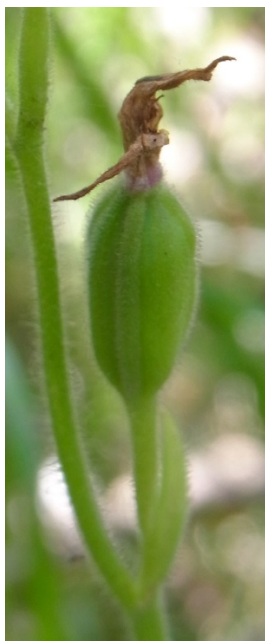
Vascular Plant Family: Orchidaceae

Flowers spring

Caladenia latifolia is a hairy herb up to 40cm tall that forms a colony of plants.



There are 1-4, pink flowers along the flowering axis. The flowers are up to 4cm long with pink sepals and petals. The labellum (modified petal) is 3-lobed up to 1cm long. The 2 lateral lobes are erect and pink, the middle lobe is much longer and white with a few appendages along the margin, becoming yellow near the throat of the flower. The column which is formed by the joining of the stamens and style is approximately 7mm long.



The ovary occurs below the petals and sepals. This photograph is of a young fruit. It will develop into a capsule which will split open to shed 100's of minute seeds.

