

*Drosera pallida*

Lindley.

RAINBOW SUNDEW

**Flowering period:** August–September.

**Description:** Climbing tuberous herb that twines into low shrubs with conspicuous emerged white flowers. Stems 90 cm–1.2 m often flexuose, with regularly spaced clusters of three leaves with the primary central leaf 40–50 mm long and secondary lateral leaf 10–20 mm long. The leaf is circular, slightly concave, 3–4 mm wide with long marginal glandular hairs and shorter but similarly glandular hairs in the centre. Flowers in a many-flowered inflorescence, petals 8–12 mm long and sweetly scented in sunny conditions.

**Pollination:** Open pollinated by a variety of insects.

**Distribution:** Geraldton south to east of Albany. Only found in protected limestone heath and in heathy swales in secondary dunes.

**Propagation:** Propagated from seed and can be easily and effectively tissue cultured.

**Uses in restoration:** Rarely used in restoration as uncommon in near-coastal communities.

**Notes:** A member of the sundew family (Droseraceae) and is highly effective at capturing insect prey that is thought to provide supplemental nutrients to the plant.



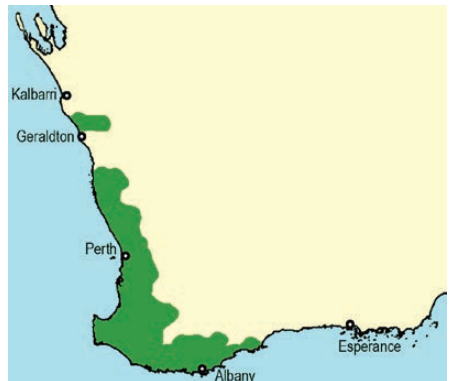
Habit



Flowers



Fruit



Distribution