Spring Wildflowers that you may find on your bushwalks

Spring often comes early in the Blue Mountains, only to slip back into wintery weather a month later.

Spring in the blue Mountains means the **Waratahs** are in flower. Their buds start forming months earlier.



Waratah (Dianne Page)

The Waratah's botanical name means *seen from afar* - and you may see a splash of crimson in the distance.

The Waratah shown here was covered in snow in October.

The small flowers of the **Blue Dampiera** (damp-ear-a) may be found throughout the year. It has diamond shaped leaves.

The *Dampiera* genus was named after the 17th century English buccaneer William Dampier.



The **River Rose** grows on the sides of cliffs in damp areas. Look for it next to stairs.

Strangely, it is also called a Dog Rose.





Broad-leaf Drumsticks

The Blue Mountains Guinea Flower is one of twenty species of Guinea Flower in the Blue Mountains - all bright yellow.

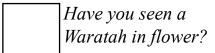


The leaves of the **Broad-leaf Drumsticks** turn red in the cooler months.



Blue Mountains Guinea Flower

When on bushwalks, look for splashes of colour. Wildflowers are protected by law, so please don't pick them.



Have you seen a Blue Dampiera?

Have you seen a Broad-leaf Drumsticks?

