

Spring Wildflowers

that you may find on your bushwalks

Spring often comes early in the Blue Mountains, only to slip back into wintry 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.



Blue Dampiera



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.

River Rose



Broad-leaf Drumsticks

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



Blue Mountains Guinea Flower

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

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



Have you seen a Waratah in flower?

Have you seen a Blue Dampiera?

Have you seen a Broad-leaf Drumsticks?

Have you seen a guinea flower?