

## Hairy Guinea Flower

*(Hibbertia vestita)* Predominately low spreading ground cover to 20cm. Flowers spring to summer. Stems and leaves have tiny hairs. Widespread habitat wallum wetlands to high dune heath.



## Showy Parrot Pea

*(Dillwynia floribunda)* Shrub to 1.5m often with long arching stems. Dense spikes of pea flowers in spring. The wide standard petal forms "Mickey Mouse Ears" thus giving the plant its nickname. Wallum wetlands and adjacent woodlands.



## Chaffy Swamp Pea

*(Pultenaea paleacea)* Small shrub to 75cm. Dazzling spring display. Dense heads of pea flowers with red markings on and under petals and "chaffy" bracteoles. Open wetlands and heaths.



## Wallum Wedge Pea

*(Gompholobium virgatum var. virgatum)* Round shrub to 1m. Flowers late winter with peak in spring. Flower has obvious green, sometimes red keel petal, oval bud is green, ripe seed pod black. Wet wallum and high dune heaths such as Marcus Beach.



## Wallum Boronia or Swamp Heather

*(Boronia falcifolia)* Small shrub to 1m. Flowering peaks in spring. 4-petalled flowers. Has aromatic heath-like foliage and often with reddish stems. Open peaty wallum swamps and heathlands.



## Native Iris

*(Patersonia sericea)* Plant to 40cm with strappy leaves. Flowers in late winter and spring, "sericea" refers to silky hairs on the dark brown to black buds and seed cases. Wallum wetlands, high dune heaths and adjacent open woodlands.

## Vanilla Lily

*(Sowerbaea juncea)* Clumping plant with soft greyish leaves and stems to 50cm. Massed flower displays in spring. Heads of scented flowers flutter in coastal breezes, creating wondrous scenes. Wallum wetlands and high dune heath.



## Fringed Lily

*(Thysanotus tuberosus)* A grass-like plant found in most soils growing amongst other herbs. The flowering stems are up to 60cm high with purple flowers and fringed petals. Main flowering spring and summer.

## Wallum Bottlebrush

*(Melaleuca pachyphylla)* Mostly upright open shrub to 1.5m. Intermittent flowers in winter, peaks in spring. Flowers red, cream or green. Leathery leaves with sharp tip on blunt end. Coastal wetlands and adjacent open woodlands.



## Common Sundew

*(Drosera spatulata)* An insectivorous herb to 30cm. 1 to 5 white or pink flowers from basal rosette of leaves during spring to autumn. Green or reddish leaves have sensitive glandular tentacles that respond to external stimuli to trap insects.



## Christmas Bells

### *(Blandfordia grandiflora)*

This endangered species was once widespread throughout the Sunshine Coast. The insignificant grass like foliage is often hidden amongst the grass. This small herb has spectacular red and yellow bell shaped flowers.

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# Wildflowers of the Sunshine Coast

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## Milkmaids

*(Burchardia umbellata)* Lily-like plant with soft stems to 40cm. Flowers spring into summer. Perfumed flowers with well-defined pollen presenters around pink central style. Always in wallum wetlands.



## Twiggy Bearded Heath

*(Leucopogon virgatus)* Small plant with erect stems to 30cm with narrow pointed leaves. Flowers winter and spring, usually in dense clusters. Known as "White Beards" flowers have "fluffy" petals. Wallum wetlands and high dune.



## Hubbard's Wattle

*(Acacia hubbardiana)* Shrub to 2m with sometimes arching stems. Flowering late winter into spring. Distinctive sharp-tipped triangular phyllodes (foliage). On slopes of small coastal "mountains" such as Emu Mountain.



## Devils Rice

*(Conospermum taxifolium)* Shrub to 1m. Numerous white flowers in spring. Flowers are 2 lipped and covered with soft hairs. Normally occurs in coastal wallum swamps.



## Woombye Bush

*(Phebalium woombye)* Attractive shrub to 2m. Flowers winter into spring. Leaves are white beneath. Leaves and stems covered tiny rough brown "spots". Mainly grows on high dune heath and coastal hills such as Emu Mountain.



## Prickly-leaved Paperback

*(Melaleuca nodosa)* Prickly shrub to 3m producing creamy yellow flowers in globular heads in spring. These are followed by small nodular woody fruits. Common around the junction of wet and dry heathlands.

## Common or Bell Heath

*(Epacris obtusifolia)* Erect small shrub to 1m with very upright stems. Scented bell-like flowers cover upper half of stems with the peak in spring. Found only in wallum wetlands.



## Queensland Wax Flower

*(Philotheca myoporoides ssp. queenslandica)* Small shrub to 1m. Flowers in winter and spring. Thick warty leaves, aromatic when crushed. Pink buds open to white flowers.



## Grass Tree

*(Xanthorrhoea fulva)* Trunkless Grass Tree to 1.5m. Prolific flowering after fire, otherwise spring. Fine long "leaves" triangular in cross-section, flower spikes to 2m but often less. Mainly open wallum wetlands.



## Wallum Heath

*(Epacris pulchella)* Upright shrub to 75cm with white or pink tubular flowers along stems in autumn and spring. Sharp tipped triangular leaves clasp the stems and turn slightly downward. Widespread, wallum wetlands, high dune heath, open dry wallum.



## Rice Flower

*(Pimelea linifolia ssp. linifolia)* A somewhat shrubby plant to 1m. Clusters of white flowers in spring. Flower heads about the size of a 50c piece. Absence of conspicuous veins other than mid-rib. Wallum heathlands to wallum woodlands.



## Wallum Banksia

*(Banksia aemula)* Spreading gnarled tree to 7m. Large greenish-cream brushes and stiff narrow leaves with serrated margins. High dune heaths such as at Marcus Beach, and sandy areas adjacent to wallum.

## Wallum Hakea

*(Hakea actites)* Shrub to 3m with spiky terete foliage. Small Grevillea-like flowers appear in late winter and spring. Usually seen with woody fruits containing 2 winged seeds. Wallum heaths and adjacent bushland.



## Wedding Bush

*(Ricinocarpos pinifolius)* Shrub to 5m. Masses of white flowers late winter into spring. Separate male and female flowers on bush, and round green fruit with soft spine. Found in wet wallum, high dune heath, and open wallum all along coastline.



## Swamp Banksia

*(Banksia robur)* Large open shrub to 3m. Flower brushes in late summer to spring, colour changes from blue-green to gold and rusty to grey when old. Large stiff leaves pale under with yellow veins. Coastal and wallum swamps, hillsides with moisture.



## Wallum tea tree

*(Leptospermum semibaccatum)* Open shrub to 1.5m. White or pink flowers mainly spring. Has soft seed capsules from which seed sheds sooner than other Leptospermum species. Wallum wetlands and high dune heaths.



## Springelia

*(Sprengelia sprengelioides)* Slender upright small "shrub" to 1m. Flowers in late winter to spring. Star-like 5-petalled flowers with mauve-pink stamens. Distinct prickly leaves which clasp stems. Wet wallum and open heaths.



## Woolly Aotus

*(Aotus lanigera)* Long-stemmed shrub to 1.5m. Masses of pea shaped flowers along stems in spring. Stems, buds and seed pods woolly. Predominately occurs in open wallum wetlands.