

GyMEA Lily *Doryanthes excelsa*

When to look:

Flowers appear in spring and summer, seed pods appear after flowers and split open in Jan or Feb

Giant tussock-like rosette plant that's flower stalks can grow up to 5 m in height

Flower cluster up to 70 cm in diameter



Bright red (or white) trumpet-shaped flowers

Similar species:

Waratah (*Telopea speciosissima*): has shorter leaves (8 - 28 cm long), usually with serrated edges, that don't grow in a clump or tussock from the ground. The flower stem is also much shorter, and the flower cluster much smaller (only 7 - 10 cm in diameter).

Red-brown waddy seed pods are 7-10 cm in length

Long sword-shaped leaves

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