



Waterbird Plants

A photographic guide to
wild plants of
Waterbird
Regional Preserve

Sorted by
Scientific Name

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More than 2,000 species of native and naturalized plants grow wild in the San Francisco Bay Area. Most are very difficult to identify without the help of good illustrations. This is designed to be a simple, color photo guide to help you identify some of these plants.

The selection of plants displayed in this guide is by no means complete. The intent is to expand the quality and quantity of photos over time. The revision date is shown on the cover and on the header of each photo page. A comprehensive plant list for this area (including the many species not found in this publication) can be downloaded at the East Bay Regional Park District's wild plant download page at: <http://www.ebparks.org>.

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In this version of the guide, the included plants are sorted alphabetically by scientific name. Under each photograph are four lines of information, based on upon the current standard wild plant reference for California: *The Jepson Manual: Higher Plants of California*, 1993.

<i>Scientific Name</i>	Scientific names revised since 1993 are NOT included in this edition.
Common Name	These non-standard names are based on <i>Jepson</i> and other local references.
Origin & Longevity	Native or Introduced. Annual, Biennial, Perennial, or a combination.
Scientific Family Name	The scientific plant family name according to <i>Jepson</i> .

For readers that prefer a guide focusing on showy wildflowers, sorted by flower color and emphasizing common names, please download the “wildflower” version of this guide.

Readers are encouraged to email any suggestions or corrections to wlegard@ebparks.org.

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Achyrachaena mollis
Blow Wives
Native Annual
Asteraceae



Agoseris grandiflora
Large-flower Native Dandelion
Native Perennial
Asteraceae



Amsinckia menziesii var. *intermedia*
Common Fiddleneck
Native Annual
Boraginaceae



Anagallis arvensis
Scarlet Pimpernel
Introduced Annual
Primulaceae



Anthemis cotula
Mayweed
Introduced Annual
Asteraceae



Artemisia douglasiana
California Mugwort
Native Perennial
Asteraceae



Avena barbata
Slender Wild Oat
Introduced Annual
Poaceae



Avena fatua
Wild Oat
Introduced Annual
Poaceae



Baccharis pilularis
Coyote Bush
Native Perennial
Asteraceae



Bellardia trixago
Bellardia
Introduced Annual
Scrophulariaceae



Bromus diandrus
Ripgut Brome
Introduced Annual
Poaceae



Bromus hordeaceus
Soft Brome
Introduced Annual
Poaceae



Carduus pycnocephalus
Italian Thistle
Introduced Annual
Asteraceae



Castilleja attenuata
Valley Tassels
Native Annual
Scrophulariaceae



Centaurea calcitrapa
Purple Star Thistle
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Asteraceae



Centaurea melitensis
Tocalote
Introduced Annual
Asteraceae



Centaurea solstitialis
Yellow Star Thistle
Introduced Annual
Asteraceae



Cerastium glomeratum
Mouse-ear Chickweed
Introduced Annual
Caryophyllaceae



Chlorogalum pomeridianum var. *pomeridianum*
Common Soap Plant
Native Perennial
Liliaceae



Cirsium vulgare
Bull Thistle
Introduced Biennial
Asteraceae



Claytonia perfoliata ssp. *perfoliata*
Common Miner's Lettuce
Native Annual
Portulacaceae



Convolvulus arvensis
Field Bindweed
Introduced Perennial
Convolvulaceae



Cotula coronopifolia
Brass Buttons
Introduced Perennial
Asteraceae



Cynara cardunculus
Cardoon / Artichoke Thistle
Introduced Perennial
Asteraceae



Eleocharis macrostachya
Common Spikerush
Native Perennial
Cyperaceae



Epilobium brachycarpum
Panicked / Weedy Willowherb
Native Annual
Onagraceae



Erodium botrys
Long-beaked Filaree
Introduced Annual
Geraniaceae



Erodium cicutarium
Red-stem Filaree
Introduced Annual
Geraniaceae



Erodium moschatum
White-stem Filaree
Introduced Annual
Geraniaceae



Eschscholzia californica
California Poppy
Native Perennial
Papaveraceae



Eucalyptus globulus
Blue Gum
Introduced Perennial
Myrtaceae



Foeniculum vulgare
Sweet Fennel
Introduced Perennial
Apiaceae



Frankenia salina
Alkali Heath
Native Perennial
Frankeniaceae



Geranium dissectum
Purpletip Cut-leaf Geranium
Introduced Annual
Geraniaceae



Gnaphalium luteo-album
Weedy Cudweed
Introduced Annual
Asteraceae



Hemizonia parryi ssp. *congdonii*
Congdon Spikeweed
Native Annual
Asteraceae



Hordeum marinum ssp. *gussoneanum*
Mediterranean Barley
Introduced Annual
Poaceae



Hordeum marinum ssp. *leporinum*
Hare Barley
Introduced Annual
Poaceae



Hypochaeris glabra
Smooth Cat's-ear
Introduced Annual
Asteraceae



Lepidium latifolium
Slender Peren. Peppergrass
Introduced Perennial
Brassicaceae



Lolium multiflorum
Awned Italian Rye Grass
Introduced Perennial
Poaceae



Lotus corniculatus
Bird's-foot Deerweed
Introduced Perennial
Fabaceae



Lotus wrangelianus
California Lotus
Native Annual
Fabaceae



Lupinus bicolor
Miniature Dove Lupine
Native Annual
Fabaceae



Malvella leprosa
Alkali Mallow
Native Perennial
Malvaceae



Marah fabaceus
Common / California Manroot
Native Perennial
Cucurbitaceae



Medicago polymorpha
California Bur Clover
Introduced Annual
Fabaceae



Melilotus indica
Sour Clover
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Fabaceae



Nassella pulchra
Purple Needle Grass
Native Perennial
Poaceae



Oemleria cerasiformis
Oso Berry
Native Perennial
Rosaceae



Oxalis pes-caprae
Bermuda Buttercup
Introduced Perennial
Oxalidaceae



Picris echioides
Bristly Ox-tongue
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Asteraceae



Plantago lanceolata
English Plantain
Introduced Annual
Plantaginaceae



Polygona monspeliensis
Annual Rabbitfoot Grass
Introduced Annual
Poaceae



Raphanus sativus
Wild Radish
Introduced Annual
Brassicaceae



Rosa californica
California Wild Rose
Native Perennial
Rosaceae



Rumex acetosella
Sheep Sorrel
Introduced Perennial
Polygonaceae



Rumex crispus
Curly Dock
Introduced Perennial
Polygonaceae



Rumex pulcher
Fiddle Dock
Introduced Perennial
Polygonaceae



Salicornia virginica
Virginia Pickleweed
Native Perennial
Chenopodiaceae



Sambucus mexicana
Blue Elderberry
Native Perennial
Caprifoliaceae



Sanicula bipinnatifida
Purple Sanicle
Native Perennial
Apiaceae



Scandix pecten-veneris
Shepherd's Needle
Introduced Annual
Apiaceae



Senecio vulgaris
Common Groundsel
Introduced Annual
Asteraceae



Silene gallica
Windmill Pink
Introduced Annual
Caryophyllaceae



Silybum marianum
Milk Thistle
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Asteraceae



Sinapis arvensis
Yellow Charlock
Introduced Annual
Brassicaceae



Sisymbrium officinale
Hedge Mustard
Introduced Annual
Brassicaceae



Sisyrinchium bellum
Blue-eyed Grass
Native Perennial
Iridaceae



Solanum americanum
Small-flower Nightshade
Native Annual-Perennial
Solanaceae



Solanum nigrum
Black Nightshade
Introduced Annual
Solanaceae



Sonchus asper ssp. *asper*
Prickly Sow Thistle
Introduced Annual
Asteraceae



Sonchus oleraceus
Common Sow Thistle
Introduced Annual
Asteraceae



Stellaria media
Common Chickweed
Introduced Annual
Caryophyllaceae



Toxicodendron diversilobum
Poison Oak
Native Perennial
Anacardiaceae



Trifolium hirtum
Rose Clover
Introduced Annual
Fabaceae



Triphysaria pusilla
Dwarf Owl's Clover
Native Annual
Scrophulariaceae



Triteleia laxa
Ithurel's Spear
Native Perennial
Liliaceae



Vicia villosa ssp. varia
Winter Vetch
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Fabaceae



Vulpia bromoides
Six-weeks Fescue
Introduced Annual
Poaceae



Vulpia microstachys var. *pauciflora*
Few-flower Fescue
Native Annual
Poaceae



Wyethia angustifolia
Narrow-leaf Mule's Ear
Native Perennial
Asteraceae



Xanthium spinosum
Spiny Clotbur
Native Annual
Asteraceae



Xanthium strumarium
Cocklebur
Native Annual
Asteraceae