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A photographic guide to showy wildflowers of Brushy Peak Regional Preserve

Sorted by Flower Color

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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 showy wildflowers 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, only showy wildflowers are included. These wildflowers are sorted first by flower color, then by plant family (similar flower types), and finally by scientific name within each family. Under each photograph are four lines of information, based on the current standard wild plant reference for California: *The Jepson Manual: Higher Plants of California*, 1993.

Common Name These non-standard names are based on *Jepson* and other local references.

Scientific Name
Scientific names revised since 1993 are NOT included in this edition.
Origin & Longevity
Native or Introduced. Annual, Biennial, Perennial, or a combination.

Family Name The common plant family name according to *Jepson*.

For readers that prefer a more comprehensive guide, sorted by scientific name, please download the "wild plants" version of this guide.

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

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Seaside Heliotrope Heliotropium curassavicum Native Perennial Borage Family

Shepherd's Needle

Scandix pecten-veneris

Introduced Annual

Carrot Family



Nievitas Popcorn Flower Plagiobothrys nothofulvus Native Annual Borage Family



Common / California Manroot *Marah fabaceus* Native Perennial Gourd Family



California Buckeye Aesculus californica Native Perennial Buckeye Family



Oregon / Coast Manroot Marah oreganus Native Perennial Gourd Family



Common Yard Knotweed Polygonum arenastrum Introduced Annual Buckwheat Family



Blue Elderberry Sambucus mexicana Native Perennial Honeysuckle Family



White Fairy Lantern Calochortus albus Native Perennial Lily Family



Common Soap Plant

Chlorogalum pomeridianum var. pomeridianum

Native Perennial

Lily Family



Yerba Mansa Anemopsis californica Native Perennial Lizard's-Tail Family



Alkali Mallow Malvella leprosa Native Perennial Mallow Family



Common Horehound
Marrubium vulgare
Introduced Perennial
Mint Family



Black Sage Salvia mellifera Native Perennial Mint Family



Climbing Morning Glory

Calystegia purpurata ssp. purpurata

Native Perennial

Morning-Glory Family



Shortstem Morning Glory
Calystegia subacaulis ssp. subacaulis
Native Perennial
Morning-Glory Family



Field Bindweed Convolvulus arvensis Introduced Perennial Morning-Glory Family



White Water Cress

Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum

Native Perennial

Mustard Family



Hairy Fringepod Thysanocarpus curvipes Native Annual Mustard Family



Blue Gum

Eucalyptus globulus
Introduced Perennial
Myrtle Family



White Sweet Clover

Melilotus alba

Introduced Annual-Biennial

Pea Family



Mouse-ear Chickweed Cerastium glomeratum Introduced Annual Pink Family



Windmill Pink
Silene gallica
Introduced Annual
Pink Family



Common Chickweed Stellaria media Introduced Annual Pink Family



California Dwarf Plantain

Plantago erecta

Native Annual

Plantain Family



English Plantain Plantago lanceolata Introduced Annual Plantain Family



Cream Cups

Platystemon californicus

Native Annual

Poppy Family



Creambush / Ocean Spray *Holodiscus discolor* Native Perennial Rose Family



Western Chokecherry

Prunus virginiana var. demissa

Native Perennial

Rose Family



Woodland Star Lithophragma affine Native Perennial Saxifrage Family



California Saxifrage Saxifraga californica Native Perennial Saxifrage Family



Valley Tassels Castilleja attenuata Native Annual Snapdragon Family



Yarrow

Achillea millefolium

Native Perennial

Sunflower Family



Blow Wives Achyrachaena mollis Native Annual Sunflower Family



Mayweed Anthemis cotula Introduced Annual Sunflower Family



Variable-leaf Nemophila Nemophila heterophylla Native Annual Waterleaf Family



Wild Heliotrope Phacelia

Phacelia distans

Native Annual

Waterleaf Family



White Fiesta Flower

Pholistoma membranaceum

Native Annual

Waterleaf Family



Common Fiddleneck

Amsinckia menziesii var. intermedia

Native Annual

Borage Family



California Buttercup Ranunculus californicus Native Perennial Buttercup Family



Prickleseed Buttercup Ranunculus muricatus Introduced Annual Buttercup Family



Sweet Fennel Foeniculum vulgare Introduced Perennial Carrot Family



Pacific Woodland Sanicle
Sanicula crassicaulis
Native Perennial
Carrot Family



Black Mustard Brassica nigra Introduced Annual Mustard Family



Yellow Field Mustard

Brassica rapa
Introduced Annual
Mustard Family



Bird's-foot Deerweed Lotus corniculatus Introduced Perennial Pea Family



California Lotus Lotus wrangelianus Native Annual Pea Family



Gully Lupine Lupinus microcarpus var. densiflorus Native Annual Pea Family



Common Purslane Portulaca oleracea Introduced Perennial Purslane Family



California Bur Clover Medicago polymorpha Introduced Annual



Bush Monkey Flower Mimulus aurantiacus Native Perennial Snapdragon Family



Sour Clover Melilotus indica Introduced Annual-Biennial Pea Family



Golden Monkey Flower Mimulus guttatus Native Perennial Snapdragon Family



Shamrock Clover Trifolium dubium Introduced Annual Pea Family



Yellow Johnny-tuck Triphysaria eriantha ssp. eriantha Native Annual Snapdragon Family



Large-flower Native Dandelion

Agoseris grandiflora

Native Perennial

Sunflower Family



Glue-seed
Blennosperma nanum var. nanum
Native Annual
Sunflower Family



Tocalote

Centaurea melitensis

Introduced Annual

Sunflower Family



Yellow Star Thistle Centaurea solstitialis Introduced Annual Sunflower Family



Pineapple Weed
Chamomilla suaveolens
Introduced Annual
Sunflower Family



Brass Buttons Cotula coronopifolia Introduced Perennial Sunflower Family



Interior Golden Bush Ericameria linearifolia Native Perennial Sunflower Family



Smooth Cat's-ear Hypochaeris glabra Introduced Annual Sunflower Family



Goldfields Lasthenia californica Native Annual Sunflower Family



Introduced Annual-Biennial Sunflower Family



Common Groundsel Senecio vulgaris Introduced Annual Sunflower Family



Prickly Sow Thistle Sonchus asper ssp. asper Introduced Annual Sunflower Family



Common Sow Thistle Sonchus oleraceus Introduced Annual Sunflower Family



Common Dandelion Taraxacum officinale Introduced Biennial-Perennial Sunflower Family



Gray Mule's Ear Wyethia helenioides Native Perennial Sunflower Family



Johnny-Jump-Up / Wild Pansy Viola pedunculata Native Perennial Violet Family



Rattlesnake Weed

Daucus pusillus

Native Annual

Carrot Family



Purple Sanicle

Sanicula bipinnatifida

Native Perennial

Carrot Family



Small Clarkia Clarkia affinis Native Annual Evening Primrose Family



Panicled / Weedy Willowherb
Epilobium brachycarpum
Native Annual
Evening Primrose Family



Alkali Heath Frankenia salina Native Perennial Frankenia Family



Long-beaked Filaree
Erodium botrys
Introduced Annual
Geranium Family



Red-stem Filaree Erodium cicutarium Introduced Annual Geranium Family



White-stem Filaree Erodium moschatum Introduced Annual Geranium Family



Purpletip Cut-leaf Geranium Geranium dissectum Introduced Annual Geranium Family



Hairy Dove's Foot Geranium Geranium molle Introduced Annual Geranium Family



Pink / Serrated Onion Allium serra Native Perennial Lily Family



Ithuriel's Spear Triteleia laxa Native Perennial Lily Family



Grass Poly Loosestrife

Lythrum hyssopifolium

Introduced Annual-Perennial

Loosestrife Family



Blue Field Madder Sherardia arvensis Introduced Annual Madder Family



Whorled/Narrow-leaf Milkweed

Asclepias fascicularis

Native Perennial

Milkweed Family



Wild Radish Raphanus sativus Introduced Annual Mustard Family



Blue Bush / Silver Lupine Lupinus albifrons var. albifrons Native Perennial Pea Family



Pinpoint Clover
Trifolium gracilentum var. gracilentum
Native Annual
Pea Family



Rose Clover Trifolium hirtum Introduced Annual Pea Family



Small-head Clover Trifolium microcephalum Native Annual Pea Family



Tomcat Clover Trifolium willdenovii Native Annual Pea Family



Mosquitobills Shooting Star Dodecatheon hendersonii Native Perennial Primrose Family



Magenta Red Maids Calandrinia ciliata Native Annual Purslane Family



California Wild Rose Rosa californica Native Perennial Rose Family



Bellardia Bellardia trixago Introduced Annual Snapdragon Family



Purple Owl's Clover

Castilleja exserta ssp. exserta

Native Annual

Snapdragon Family



Cardoon / Artichoke Thistle

Cynara cardunculus

Introduced Perennial

Sunflower Family



Chinese Houses Collinsia heterophylla Native Annual Snapdragon Family



Italian Thistle
Carduus pycnocephalus
Introduced Annual
Sunflower Family



Bull Thistle Cirsium vulgare Introduced Biennial Sunflower Family



Weedy Cudweed Gnaphalium luteo-album Introduced Annual Sunflower Family



Milk Thistle
Silybum marianum
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Sunflower Family



Robust Vervain

Verbena lasiostachys var. scabrida

Native Perennial

Vervain Family



Blue Dicks

Dichelostemma capitatum ssp. capitatum

Native Perennial

Lily Family



Blue Witch

Solanum umbelliferum

Native Perennial

Nightshade Family



Miniature Dove Lupine

Lupinus bicolor

Native Annual

Pea Family



Douglas Sky Lupine

Lupinus nanus

Native Annual

Pea Family



California Fuchsia

Epilobium canum ssp. canum

Native Perennial

Evening Primrose Family



California Poppy Eschscholzia californica Native Perennial Poppy Family



Scarlet Pimpernel Anagallis arvensis Introduced Annual Primrose Family



Venus / Cobweb Thistle
Cirsium occidentale var. venustum
Native Biennial
Sunflower Family



Stinkbells
Fritillaria agrestis
Native Perennial
Lily Family