





Wild Plants of Las Trampas Regional Wilderness

Common Name Version

A Photographic Guide

Sorted by Form, Color and Family with Habitat Descriptions and Identification Notes

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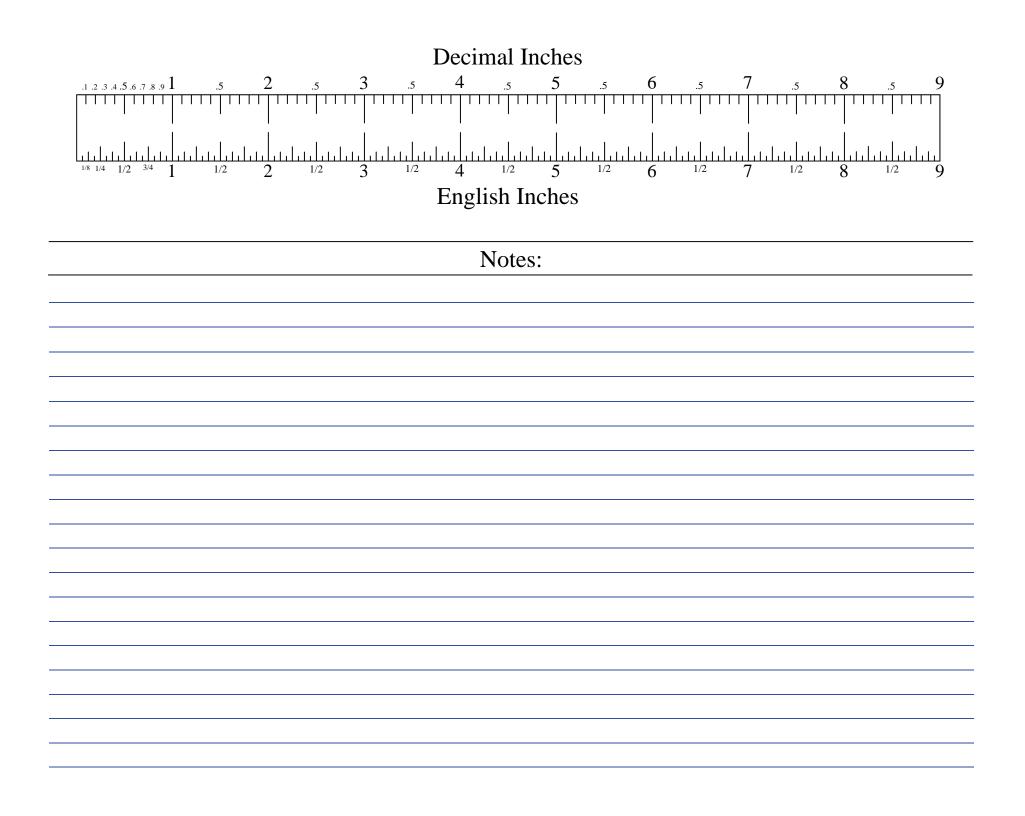












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More than 2,000 species of native and naturalized plants grow wild in the San Francisco Bay Area. Most are very difficult to identify without the help of good illustrations. This is designed to be a simple, color photo guide to help you identify some of these plants. This guide is published electronically in Adobe Acrobat® format so that it can easily be updated as additional photographs become available. You have permission to freely download, distribute and print this guide for individual use. Photographs are © 2014 Wilde Legard, all rights reserved.

In this guide, the included plants are sorted first by form (Ferns & Fern-like, Grasses & Grass-like, Herbaceous, Woody), then by most common flower color, and finally by similar looking flowers (grouped by genus within each family). Each photograph has the following information, separated by '-':

COMMON NAME	According to The Jepson Manual: Vascular Plants of California, Second Edition (JM2) and other references (not standardized).
(Scientific Name)	According to JM2 and eFlora (ucjeps.berkeley.edu/IJM.html).
Origin & Longevity	Native, Naturalized, or Waif (not reproducing without human care). Annual, Biennial, Perennial, or a combination.
Family Name	Common family name according to JM2,
(Bloom date range)	Period during the year when the plant blooms, according to JM2 and other sources. '-' if plant does not bloom (ie. Ferns).
Habitat	Habitat description according to JM2 and other sources.
ID Characteristics	Plant description with identification characteristics and other notes, based on multiple sources including: Annotated Checklist of the East Bay Flora, Second
	Edition (2013), JM2, Plants of the San Francisco Bay Region (Revised Edition), and Weeds of California and Other Western States.
Additional notes	Occasionally, an additional note may appear (ie. NOXIOUS weed, INVASIVE weed, Fed & Calif. ENDANGERED, etc.).

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Fern-like - Green/Brown

BRACKEN FERN (Pteridium aquilinum var. pubescens) Native Perennial - Bracken Family - -- Pastures, woodland, meadows, hillsides, partial to full sun - Leaf blades widely-triangular, gen 0.5-5' long, gen 3x divided, hairy underneath.



CALIFORNIA MAIDENHAIR (Adiantum jordanii) Native Perennial - Brake Fern Family - - - Shaded hillsides, moist woodland - Leaves 8-28" long with many rounded symmetrical segments, each with < 4 irregular lobes. Cultivated. Sudden Oak Death carrier.



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COFFEE FERN (Pellaea andromedifolia) Native Perennial - Brake Fern Family - - Generally rocky or dry areas - Fronds 6-30" long, stem light brown. Leaf segments blunt, 0.24-0.6" long, 0.12-0.4" wide.



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GOLDENBACK FERN (Pentagramma triangularis subsp. triangularis) Native Perennial - Brake Fern Family - - - Gen shaded, sometimes rocky or wooded areas - Leaves triangular, 1.2-4" long, undersides either granular green or powdery gold.



COMMON HORSETAIL (Equisetum arvense) Native Perennial - Horsetail Family - - -Streambanks, wet meadows, springs, other wet, shaded places - Sterile stems 4-24" tall, 6-14 sheath teeth. Fertile stems 4-13" tall, 6-10 sheath teeth.



POLYPODY FERN (Polypodium calirhiza) Native Perennial - Polypody Family - - On plants, rocky cliffs or outcrops, roadcuts, often granitic or volcanic, rarely dunes - Leaf blades 4-8" long, often widest above base, deeply lobed.



COASTAL WOOD FERN (Dryopteris arguta) Native Perennial - Wood Fern Family - - - Locally common. Open, wooded slopes, caves - Leaf 12-24" long,5-12" wide, divided 1-2 times. Segments generally with spine-tipped teeth.



WESTERN SWORD FERN (Polystichum munitum) Native Perennial - Wood Fern Family -- Common. Wooded hillsides, shaded slopes, rarely cliffs, outcrops - Fronds gen 20-48" long, divided once. Segments usually separate, teeth point to tips, scaly rachis.



DUNE BENT GRASS (Agrostis pallens) Native Perennial - Grass Family - (Jun–Aug) - Common. Open meadows, woodland, forest, subalpine -Lower leaf blades <= 0.2" wide, flat to inrolled. Flower cluster 2-8" long, < 0.8" wide; narrow and arching when young.



SILVER HAIR GRASS (Aira caryophyllea) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family - (Apr–Jun) -Sandy soils, open or disturbed sites - Flower cluster > 0.6" wide, diffuse with long slender branches. Spikelets about 0.1" long with 2 extended awns.



SLENDER WILD OAT (Avena barbata) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family - (Mar–Jun) -Disturbed sites - Plants gen 24-32[°]. Spikelets 0.8-1.2" long. Awns 0.8-1.8" long. Lemma tip bristles ≻= 0.1" long. Seeds EDIBLE whole or ground for flour. INVASIVE weed.



WILD OAT (Avena fatua) Naturalized Annual -Grass Family - (Apr-Jun) - Disturbed sites -Plants 1-5' tall. Spikelets 0.7-1.3" long. Low awn 1-1.6" long. Lemma tip bristles < 0.04" long. Seeds EDIBLE whole or ground for flour. INVASIVE weed.



CALIFORNIA BROME (Bromus carinatus var. carinatus) Native Perennial - Grass Family -(Apr-Aug) - Coastal prairies, openings in chaparral, plains, open oak and pine woodland -Plant 20-40" tall. Flower cluster 6-16" long. Spikelet 0.8-1.6" long. Lemma 0.5-0.8" long, hairy, awn 0.3-0.6" long.



RIPGUT GRASS (Bromus diandrus) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family - (Apr–Jul) - Open, gen disturbed areas - Plant 6-40" tall. Spikelet 1-2.8" long. Lemma body 0.8-1.2" long, awn > 1.2" long. Barbed seeds can stick in flesh of animals. INVASIVE weed.



SOFT CHESS (Bromus hordeaceus) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family - (Apr–Jul) - Fields, disturbed areas - Plant 4-26" tall. Leaf hairy. Flower cluster 1-5" long, dense, some stalks > spikelet. Spikelet 0.5-0.9". Lemma 0.26-0.4", awn 0.16-0.4". INVASIVE weed.



RED BROME (Bromus madritensis subsp. rubens) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family -(Mar–Jun) - Disturbed areas, roadsides - Plant 4-20". Flower cluster condensed, branches obscure, < spikelets. Stem & sheathes hairy. INVASIVE weed.



BRISTLY DOGTAIL GRASS (Cynosurus echinatus) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family - (May–Jul) - Open, disturbed sites - Tufted. Stem 4-28" long. Leaf blade 0.1-0.6" wide. Flower cluster 0.4-1.6" long, 1-sided. Fertile and sterile spikelets. INVASIVE weed.



WESTERN WILD-RYE (Elymus glaucus subsp. glaucus) Native Perennial - Grass Family -(Jun-Aug) - Open areas, chaparral, woodland, forest - Tufted. Stem 12-55" tall. Leaf 0.2-0.5" wide, flat. Spikelets0.3-0.6" long, 2-4 per node. Lemma awn 0.4-1.2" long.



BIG SQUIRRELTAIL (Elymus multisetus) Native Perennial - Grass Family - (May–Jul) - Open, sandy to rocky areas - Tufted. Stem 6-24" tall. Leaf 0.06-0.2" wide. Spikelet 0.4-0.6" long. Glume divisions needle-shaped, lemma awn 1-4" long.



SLENDER WHEAT GRASS (Elymus trachycaulus subsp. trachycaulus) Native Perennial - Grass Family - (Jun-Aug) - Dry to moist, open areas, forest, woodland - Tufted. Stem 1-5' tall. Spikelet 0.4-0.8" long, 1 per node. Lemma awn < 0.3" long.



BEARDLESS WILD RYE (Elymus triticoides) Native Perennial - Grass Family - (Jun–Jul) - Dry to moist, often saline, meadows - Plant 18-50" tall, from rhizomes. Flower cluster 2-8" long. Spikelets generally 2/node. Lemmas 3-7, 0.2-0.5" long, awn to 0.12" long.



BROME FESCUE (Festuca bromoides) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family - (May–Jun) -Uncommon. Dry, disturbed places, coastal-sage scrub, chaparral - Stem < 20". Inflor 0.6-6" tall, dense, lower branches erect. Spikelet 0.2-0.4" long, awn 0.1-0.3" long.



RYE GRASS (Festuca perennis) Naturalized Perennial - Grass Family - (May–Sep) - Dry to moist disturbed sites, abandoned fields - Stem 20-40" tall. Spikelet 0.2-0.9" long, > glume, awned or awnless. Sterile shoots at base. INVASIVE weed.



RED FESCUE (Festuca rubra) Native Perennial -Grass Family - (May–Jul) - Sand dunes, grassland, subalpine forest - Plant 12-32", hairy, clumped, w/closed sheath. Generally with rhizomes. Spikelets 0.4-0.5", florets 3-10, awns < 0.16" long.



MEDITERRANEAN BARLEY (Hordeum marinum subsp. gussoneanum) Naturalized Annual -Grass Family - (Apr-Jun) - Dry to moist, disturbed sites - Stem 4-20". Leaf blades to 32" long, auricles < 0.08". Central lemma awn 0.25-0.7" long. INVASIVE weed.



HARE BARLEY (Hordeum murinum subsp. leporinum) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family -(Feb-May) - Moist, gen disturbed sites. Common - Stem 12-43" tall. Central spikelet stalk ~0.06" long. Central floret << lateral florets. INVASIVE weed.



WALL BARLEY (Hordeum murinum subsp. murinum) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family -(Feb-May) - Moist, gen disturbed sites - Stem 1-2'. Leaf auricles notable. Central spikelet stalk 0-0.02". Central floret gen = lateral florets. INVASIVE weed.



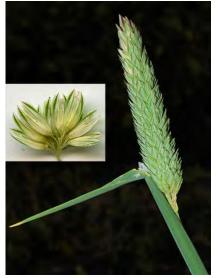
JUNE GRASS (Koeleria macrantha) Native Perennial - Grass Family - (May–Jul) - Dry, open sites, clay to rocky soils, shrubland, woodland, conifer forest - Stem 8-32" long. Flower cluster condensed, shiny, branches short-hairy. Spikelet ~0.2" long, no awns.



CALIFORNIA MELIC (Melica californica) Native Perennial - Grass Family - (Apr–May) - Open or rocky hillsides, oak woodland, conifer forest -Stem 16-55". Leaf 0.06-0.2" wide. Spiklet 0.2-0.6" long, w/3-7 fertile florets; sterile tip widest above middle, tip squared.



TORREY'S MELIC (Melica torreyana) Native Perennial - Grass Family - (Mar–Jun) - Chaparral, conifer forest - Stem 12-40" tall. Leaf blade 0.04-0.1" wide. Spikelet 0.14-0.28" long w/1-2 florets; sterile tip widest above middle to 0.06", short-hairy lemmas.



HARDING GRASS (Phalaris aquatica) Naturalized Perennial - Grass Family - (Apr–Aug) - Disturbed areas, roadsides - Plant 16-79" tall, tufted. Flower cluster 0.6-6" long, unbranched. Lower florets 1 or or unequal. Glume wing untoothed. INVASIVE weed.



ANNUAL BLUE GRASS (Poa annua) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family - (Feb–Sep) - Abundant. Disturbed moist ground - Plant 1-8" tall. Leaf blade 0.04-0.12" wide, soft. Flower cluster 0.4-4" long, triangular. Lemmas 0.1-0.16" long.



ONE-SIDED BLUE GRASS (Poa secunda subsp. secunda) Native Perennial - Grass Family -(Mar–Aug) - Common. Dry slopes to saline/alkaline meadows to alpine - Plant 6-40" tall, densely tufted. Flower clusters congested. Spikelets gen 0.3-0.4" long. Lemmas 0.16-0.2" long, backs rounded.



 RABBITFOOT
 GRASS
 (Polypogon monspeliensis)

 Naturalized
 Annual
 - Grass

 Family - (Apr-Aug) - Moist places, along streams
 - Stem 8-39". Leaf 0.4-8" long, 0.16-0.24" wide.

 Flower cluster
 0.4-6.7" long, plume-like. Glume awn > 0.14". Lemma awn gen < 0.1". INVASIVE.</td>



WATER BEARD GRASS (Polypogon viridis) Naturalized Perennial - Grass Family - (May–Jun) - Common. Disturbed areas, wet areas, ponds, streambanks -Stem 4-40" long, trails. Leaf blades flat, 0.08-0.4" wide. Spikelet ~ 0.1" long, no awn, whorled clusters.



FOOTHILL NEEDLE GRASS (Stipa lepida) Native Perennial - Grass Family - (Mar–Jun) - Dry slopes, chaparral, grassland, savanna, coastal scrub - Stem 14-39" tall. Leaf blade 4.7-9.1" long, narrow. Glumes 0.2-0.6" long. Awn 0.8-2" long.



PURPLE NEEDLE GRASS (Stipa pulchra) Native Perennial - Grass Family - (Mar–Jun) - Oak woodland, chaparral, grassland - Stem 14-39" long. Leaf blade 4-8" long, Glumes 0.5-0.8" long, ~equal. Awn 1.6-4" long, last segment straight.



SPREADING RUSH (Juncus patens) Native Perennial - Rush Family - (Jun–Oct) - Marshy places, creeks, seeps - Plant 12-41" tall, densely tufted. Stems blue-gray-green & distinctly grooved when fresh. Stamens 6.



IRIS-LEAVED RUSH (Juncus xiphioides) Native Perennial - Rush Family - (Jul-Oct) - Wet places - Plant 16-32" tall. Leaf blades 0.2-0.5" wide, flat, Iris-like. Heads many, few-flowered. Anthers 6, < filaments, flowers self-pollinating.



GRAND HOUND'S TONGUE (Cynoglossum grande) Native Perennial - Borage Family -(Feb-May) - Chaparral, woodland - Stem 1-3'. Leaf stalk 3-6". Leaf blade 3-6" cm long, broadly oval. Flowers bright blue w/inner white teeth.



BABY BLUE-EYES (Nemophila menziesii var. menziesii) Native Annual - Borage Family -(Feb-May) - Meadows, grassland, chaparral, woodland, slopes - Plant 4-12". Lower leaves w/6-13 lobes. Flowers bright blue w/white center, 0.2-1.6" wide.



CALIFORNIA PHACELIA (Phacelia californica) Native Perennial - Borage Family - (Mar–Sep) -Bluffs, open slopes, road cuts, chaparral, woodland - Plant tufted, stiff-hairy. Leaves gen pinnate w/big terminal leaflet. Flowers 0.16-0.28" long, lavender.



BLUE DICKS (Dichelostemma capitatum subsp. capitatum) Native Perennial - Brodiaea Family -(Mar–Jun) - Open woodland, scrub, desert, grassland - Plant 2-28" tall. Flowers blue-purple, not narrowed in the middle. Stamens 6. Early spring bloomer.



FORK-TOOTHED OOKOW (Dichelostemma congestum) Native Perennial - Brodiaea Family -(Apr–Jun) - Open woodland, grassland - Plant 12-35" tall. Flowers blue-purple, narrowed above ovary. Stamens 3. Late spring bloomer.



ITHURIEL'S SPEAR (Triteleia laxa) Native Perennial - Brodiaea Family - (Apr–Jun) -Common. Open forest, conifer or foothill woodland, grassland on clay soil - Flower stem 4-28". Leaves 8-16", 0.16-1" wide. Flowers blue, blue-purple or white, 0.7-1.9" long.



MEDITERRANEAN LINSEED (Bellardia trixago) Naturalized Annual - Broom-rape Family -(Apr-Jun) - Disturbed grassland. - Plant sticky-hairy. Stem 6-32" tall. Leaves lance-shaped, toothed. Flowers 0.8-1" long, 2-lipped: upper lip pink, lower lip white. INVASIVE.



PURPLE OWL'S-CLOVER (Castilleja exserta subsp. exserta) Native Annual - Broom-rape Family - (Mar-May) - Open fields, grassland -Plant sticky, short-hairy. Flower cluster tipped white, pale yellow or rose. Flower upper lip hooked, fuzzy.



DWARF OWL'S CLOVER (Triphysaria pusilla) Native Annual - Broom-rape Family - (Apr–Jun) -Grassland - Plant 2-8" tall, yellow-brown or purple, hairy. Leaves 0.2-1.2" long, 3-9-lobed. Flowers purple (yellow), 0.16-0.28" long, in leaf axils.



TIBURON BUCKWHEAT (Eriogonum luteolum var. caninum) Native Annual - Buckwheat Family - (May–Oct) - Serpentine - Plant 2-12" tall. Leaf blades wide. Flowers <= 0.1" long, reddish, mostly terminal. CNPS: FAIRLY ENDANGERED.



GIANT TRILLIUM (Trillium chloropetalum) Native Perennial - Bunchflower Family - (Apr–May) -Edges of redwood forest, chaparral, gen moist slopes, canyon banks in alluvial soils - Flowers dark purple to white, sessile. Petals 2.6-4" long, odor rose-like or spicy.



SPREADING LARKSPUR (Delphinium patens subsp. patens) Native Perennial - Buttercup Family - (Mar–Jun) - Grassland, open woodland -Stem 4-35" long. Leaves glabrous, divided into few-toothed lobes. Flowers few, bright or dark blue-purple.



ROYAL LARKSPUR (Delphinium variegatum subsp. variegatum) Native Perennial - Buttercup Family - (Mar–May) - Grassland, open oak woodland - Stem < 24" w/spreading hairs. Leaves w/finger-like segments. Flowers dark royal blue, large and few.



PURPLE SANICLE (Sanicula bipinnatifida) Native Perennial - Carrot Family - (Mar–May) -Open grassland, gen on serpentine, or pine/oak woodland - Plant 5-24" tall. Leaves 1.6-7.5" long, 1-2x divided on a winged central axis. Flowers dark purple. Fruits prickly.



CALIFORNIA MILKWEED (Asclepias californica) Native Perennial - Dogbane Family - (Apr–Jul) -Flats, grassy or brushy hillsides - Plant densly white-woolly. Leaves oval. Flowers dark purple, ~ 0.5" long, petals bent back. Food plant for Monarch butterflies.



NARROW-LEAF MILKWEED (Asclepias fascicularis) Native Perennial - Dogbane Family - (May–Oct) - Dry ground, valleys, foothills - Plant gen hairless. Stem leaves narrow, 3-5 in whorls. Flowers green-white to purple-tinged, ~0.25" long.



SHOWY MILKWEED (Asclepias speciosa) Native Perennial - Dogbane Family - (May–Sep) - Many habitats incl fields, roadsides - Plants green, hairy. Leaves opposite, ovate. Petals rose-purple, > 0.3" long; curving tooth-like hoods. Monarch butterfly food plant.



GREATER PERIWINKLE (Vinca major) Naturalized Perennial - Dogbane Family -(Mar–Jun(Jan)) - Coastal bluffs, sheltered places, esp along stream beds - Plant sprawling. Leaf blade ~ 2.8" long, oval. Flower purple-blue, 1.2-2" wide at top. INVASIVE weed.



FOUR-SPOT (Clarkia purpurea subsp. quadrivulnera) Native Annual - Evening Primrose Family - (Apr–Aug) - Common. Open, grassy or shrubby places - Buds erect. Petals < 0.6", lavender to dark red. Ovary 8-grooved. Sepals 1's or 2's.



RUBY CHALICE CLARKIA (Clarkia rubicunda) Native Annual - Evening Primrose Family -(May–Aug) - Openings in woodland, forest, chaparral near coast - Stem < 5' long. Buds erect. Petals 0.4-1.2", rose w/red base. Sepals united. Stigma > anthers.



ELEGANT CLARKIA (Clarkia unguiculata) Native Annual - Evening Primrose Family - (Apr–Sep) -Common. Woodland - Buds nodding. Axis erect. Petals 0.4-1" long, pink to dark-red, clawed. Sepals united; sepals & ovary w/spreading hairs to 0.1".



PANICLED / WEEDY WILLOWHERB (Epilobium brachycarpum) Native Annual - Evening Primrose Family - (Jun-Sep) - Common. Dry open or disturbed woodland, grassland, roadsides - Plant 8-79" tall, diffuse. Petals 2-15 mm long, white to rose-purple.



LONG-BEAKED FILAREE (Erodium botrys) Naturalized Annual - Geranium Family -(Mar-Jul) - Dry, open or disturbed sites - Stem 4-35" tall, coarse-hairy. Leaves lobed. Petals pink, 0.3-0.5" long. Sepals w/reddish tip. Fruit beak 2-4.7" long.



REDSTEM FILAREE (Erodium cicutarium) Naturalized Annual - Geranium Family -(Feb-Sep) - Open, disturbed sites, grassland, scrub - Stem 4-20". Leaves compound, leaflets dissected. Sepal tip bristly. Petal pink to purple. Fruit beak 0.8-2". INVASIVE.



GREENSTEM FILAREE (Erodium moschatum) Naturalized Annual - Geranium Family -(Feb-Sep) - Open, disturbed sites - Stem 4-24", short-hairy. Leaves compound, leaflets toothed. Sepal tip glabrous. Petals 0.4-0.6" long, pink. Fruit beak 0.8-1.6" long.



CUT-LEAVED GERANIUM (Geranium dissectum) Naturalized Annual - Geranium Family - (Mar–Jul) - Open, disturbed sites - Stem 3-28" tall, rough-hairy. Leaf blades deeply divided. Petals violet-red, 0.1-0.25" long w/notched tips. Flower stalk sticky. INVASIVE.



HAIRY DOVE'S FOOT GERANIUM (Geranium molle) Naturalized Annual - Geranium Family -(Feb-Aug) - Open to shaded sites, disturbed ground - Stem 4-17" tall. Petals red-purple, 0.1-0.4" long, notched. Sepals awnless. Fruit smooth, wrinkled.



WESTERN BLUE-EYED-GRASS (Sisyrinchium bellum) Native Perennial - Iris Family - (Mar-May) - Common. Open, gen moist, grassy areas, woodland - Stem < 25" tall. Leaves iris-like. Petals 6, blue-purple with dark veins, 0.4-0.7" long.



FIELD MADDER (Sherardia arvensis) Naturalized Annual - Madder Family - (Mar–Jul) -Pastures, disturbed areas, grassland, dry meadows, oak woodland - Stem 2.8-6.3" long. Leaves in whorls of 5-6, 0.2-0.5" long. Flowers pink or lavender, the 4 lobes < tube.



RED MAIDS (Calandrinia ciliata) Native Annual -Miner's Lettuce Family - (Feb–May) - Common. Sandy to loamy soil, grassy areas, cult fields -Petals 0.2-0.6" long, bright pink to red, round-tipped. Fruit < 0.1" longer than bracts.



COYOTE-MINT (Monardella villosa subsp. villosa) Native Perennial - Mint Family -(May-Aug) - Dry rocky slopes, oak woods, chaparral - Plant < 20" tall. Leaves ovate, 0.4-0.9" mm long. Flower head 0.4-1.2" wide. Flowers pink to purple.



THYMELEAF BEARDSTYLE (Pogogyne serpylloides) Native Annual - Mint Family - (Mar–Jun) - Grassy, brushy areas - Plant inconspicuous. Stem 1-8" long, low-growing. Flowers 0.1-0.2" long, lavender, in dense clusters.



COMMON RIGID HEDGE-NETTLE (Stachys rigida var. quercetorum) Native Perennial - Mint Family - (Mar–Oct) - Moist to ± dry places - Plant gen < 39", hairy, sticky. Leaf 2-3.5" long, egg-shaped w/heart-shaped base. Flowers 6-10/group, pink, 0.24-0.4" long.



RADISH (Raphanus sativus) Naturalized Annual -Mustard Family - (May–Jul) - Disturbed areas, fields - Stem 16-51" long. Petals 0.6-1" long, white to purple. Fruit a fat cylinder w/constrictions between seeds. INVASIVE weed.



JEWELED ONION (Allium serra) Native Perennial - Onion or Garlic Family - (Apr–May) -Common. Grassy slopes - Flowers pink to rose, crowded, 10-40. "Petals" about 0.2" long, ± erect, ± lance-shaped, papery and folded over fruit when in fruit.



SMALL-FLOWER LOTUS (Acmispon parviflorus) Native Annual - Pea Family - (Mar–May) -Abundant. Coastal bluffs to oak/pine or fir woodland, open or disturbed areas - Flowers pinkish, solitary, 0.2" long, on stalk with bracts. Not hairy.



PACIFIC PEA (Lathyrus vestitus var. vestitus) Native Perennial - Pea Family - (Feb–Jul) - North: Conifer forest. South: chaparral & oak woodland -Stem wings to 0.02" wide. Leaves gen elliptic. Flowers 0.5-0.7" long, pale lavender to purple.



MINIATURE LUPINE (Lupinus bicolor) Native Annual - Pea Family - (Mar–Jun) - Abundant. Open or disturbed areas - Plant 4-16", hairy. Flower 0.16-0.4" long, banner longer than wide, upper keel ciliate near tip, pedicel < 0.12". Fruit 0.12-0.24" wide.



SUMMER LUPINE (Lupinus formosus var. formosus) Native Perennial - Pea Family -(Apr–Sep) - Dry clay soils, grassland, open areas under pines, gen in valleys - Plant 8-32", low growing. Leaves hairy. Flowers purple, hairless, summer/fall blooming.



SKY LUPINE (Lupinus nanus) Native Annual -Pea Family - (Mar–Jun) - Abundant. Open or disturbed areas - Plant 4-24" tall, hairy. Flowers blue to pink to white, 0.2-0.6" long; banner as wide as long. Flower stalk gen > 0.12" long.



ARROYO LUPINE (Lupinus succulentus) Native Annual - Pea Family - (Feb–May) - Abundant. Open or disturbed areas, often seeded on roadbanks - Plant 8-40" tall, fleshy, sparsely hairy. Flowers 0.5-0.7" long, whorled, gen blue-purple, petal claws short-hairy.



RANCHERIA CLOVER (Trifolium albopurpureum) Native Annual - Pea Family -(Mar-Jun) - Abundant. Dunes, grassland, wet meadows, slopes, disturbed areas, etc - No head bract. Flowers purple + white, 0.2-0.3", no stalk. Flower bracts hairy, teeth linear, = flowers.



DECEIVING CLOVER (Trifolium bifidum var. decipiens) Native Annual - Pea Family - (Apr–Jun) - Open, grassy areas, forest - Leaflet tip square/notched. Flower small, yellow to pink-purple, soon reflex. Flower stalk top sparsely hairy.



FOOTHILL CLOVER (Trifolium ciliolatum) Native Annual - Pea Family - (Mar–Jun) - Locally common. Grassland, chaparral, disturbed areas -Flower head 0.3-0.8" wide w/vestigial bract. Flowers pink to purple, soon reflexed, bracts w/short, flat bristles.



TRUNCATE SACK CLOVER (Trifolium depauperatum var. truncatum) Native Annual - Pea Family - (Apr–Jun) - Grassy flats, disturbed slopes, openings in woodland - Head bracts <= 0.1" long. Flowers pink-purple. Fruit ~0.1" long, inflated, stalked.



STRAWBERRY CLOVER (Trifolium fragiferum) Naturalized Perennial - Pea Family - (Late spring) - Roadsides, gen in saline soil - Head bracts 0.08" long, green. Flowers pink, 0.2-0.24" long, quickly hidden by hairy inflated flower bracts.



ROSE CLOVER (Trifolium hirtum) Naturalized Annual - Pea Family - (Apr–May) - Disturbed areas, roadsides - Head with 1-2 bract-like leaves immed below. Flowers pink, 0.4-0.6" long, densely-bristly in fruit. INVASIVE weed.



SMALL-HEAD CLOVER (Trifolium microcephalum) Native Annual - Pea Family - (Apr-Aug) - Streambanks, moist, disturbed areas, roadsides, serpentine, conifer forest - Hairy. Head bract cup-like. Flowers pink to lavender, calyx lobes smooth-edged, > flowers.



TOMCAT CLOVER (Trifolium willdenovii) Native Annual - Pea Family - (Mar–Jun) - Abundant. Disturbed, gen spring-moist, heavy soils, occas serpentine - Head bract wheel-shaped, sharp-lobed. Leaf narrow. Flowers purple w/white tip, 0.3-0.6" long.



NARROW-LEAVED VETCH (Vicia sativa subsp. nigra) Naturalized Annual - Pea Family -(Mar-Jun) - Roadsides, disturbed areas, grassland, open areas in oak and riparian woodlands - Flowers 1-2 at leaf bases, pink-purple to white, 0.4-0.7" long. Leaflets 0.2-0.3" wide.



SPRING VETCH (Vicia sativa subsp. sativa) Naturalized Annual - Pea Family - (Mar–Jun) -Roadsides, disturbed areas, grassland, open areas in oak and riparian woodlands - Flowers 1-2 at leaf bases, pink-purple to white, 0.7-1.2" long. Leaflets 0.16-0.4" wide.



SPARSELY HAIRY VETCH (Vicia villosa subsp. varia) Naturalized Annual-Biennial - Pea Family - (Mar–Jun) - Grassland, roadside, disturbed areas - Stems w/few hairs. Flowers 10-20, blue-purple to white, 0.4-0.5" long. Lower bract lobes 0.04-0.1" long.



PINKLOBE LEPTOSIPHON (Leptosiphon androsaceus) Native Annual - Phlox Family -(Apr-Jun) - Open or shaded areas in woodland, chaparral - Plant 2-18", hairy. Flowers pink, bracted group, tube 0.4-1.3" long, lobes gen > 0.3" long.



SLENDER ANNUAL PHLOX (Microsteris gracilis) Native Annual - Phlox Family - (Mar–Aug) - Dry to moist areas - Plant < 8" tall, glandualr-hairy. Leaves 0.4-1.2" long. Flowers 0.3-0.5" long, tubes yellow, lobes bright pink to white.



DOWNY NAVARRETIA (Navarretia pubescens) Native Annual - Phlox Family - (May–Jul) - Open, slopes, gravel, clay - Stem 5.5-13", tan to red-brown. Bracts irregularly toothed. Calyx lobes often toothed. Flowers 0.4-0.6" long, bright blue-purple.



SKUNKWEED (Navarretia squarrosa) Native Annual - Phlox Family - (Jun–Aug) - Common. Open, wet, gravelly flats, slopes - Plant 4-24" tall, sticky, with skunk-like odor. Flowers 0.35-0.47" long, dark blue; petal lobes 0.08" long.



RED SAND-SPURRY (Spergularia rubra) Naturalized Annual-Perennial - Pink Family -(Spring-fall) - Forest, meadows, mud flats, disturbed - Plant 1.6-10". Leaf non-fleshy, whorls w/large white bracts. Petals pink. Stamens 6-10. Sepals < 0.16".



CHINESE-HOUSES (Collinsia heterophylla var. heterophylla) Native Annual - Plantain Family -(Mar-Jun) - Shady places in chaparral, open mixed woodland, oak woodland - Plant 4-20" tall. Flowers 0.6-0.8" long, upper lip whitish.



PERSIAN SPEEDWELL (Veronica persica) Naturalized Annual - Plantain Family - (Feb–May) - Wet, disturbed areas, fields - Stem 2-24" long, crawling. Flowers on 0.6-1.2" long stalks. Flowers blue, purple-lined with a white center.



MOSQUITOBILLS SHOOTING STAR (Dodecatheon hendersonii) Native Perennial -Primrose Family - (Mar–Jul) - Gen in shady sites - Leaf blade length generally <2x width. Flower parts 4s or 5s. Filament tube solid black.



CALIFORNIA ACAENA (Acaena pinnatifida var. californica) Native Perennial - Rose Family -(Mar-May) - Coastal grassland, open, rocky slopes - Stem 4-24" long. Flowers with no petals and purple-black stamens. Leaves finely divided.



ITALIAN THISTLE (Carduus pycnocephalus subsp. pycnocephalus) Naturalized Annual -Sunflower Family - (Mar–Jul) - Roadsides, pastures, disturbed areas - Stems 8-79", narrow spiny-wings. Lower leaves 4-10 lobed, heads 2-5, flower bracts woolly. NOXIOUS.



PURPLE STAR-THISTLE (Centaurea calcitrapa) Naturalized Annual-Biennial - Sunflower Family -(Apr-Nov) - Pastures, disturbed places - Plant 8-40"+. Basal leaves 1-2x divided into narrow lobes. Flowers purple with spiny bracts. NOXIOUS weed.



BULL THISTLE (Cirsium vulgare) Naturalized Biennial - Sunflower Family - (May–Oct) -Common. Disturbed areas - Plant 12-79" tall. Top of leaves bristly; leaf base forming decurrent wings on stem. Flowers purple, gen 1-2" wide. NOXIOUS weed.



ARTICHOKE THISTLE (Cynara cardunculus subsp. flavescens) Naturalized Perennial -Sunflower Family - (Apr–Jul) - Disturbed places -Plant 1.6-8' tall. Artichoke head 1.6-6" diam, spine-tipped. Flowers blue or purple, 1.2-2" long. NOXIOUS weed.



MILK THISTLE (Silybum marianum) Naturalized Annual-Biennial - Sunflower Family - (Feb–Jun) -Roadsides, pastures, disturbed areas - Stem 1-10', stout. Leaves spiny, shiny green w/white veins and spots. Flowers red-purple. INVASIVE weed.



PURPLE SALSIFY (Tragopogon porrifolius) Naturalized Biennial-Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Mar–Nov) - Common. Disturbed places - Plant 16-39" tall, milky sap. Leaves 0.8-1.6" long, very narrow, waxy blue. Flowers purple.



FULLER'S TEASEL (Dipsacus sativus) Naturalized Biennial - Teasel Family - (May–Jul) -Disturbed areas, fields, vacant lots, pastures -Plant gen < 6' tall. Leaf pairs fused around stem. Flower cluster lavender, 5-10 cm long, bracts spreading. INVASIVE weed.



ROBUST VERVAIN (Verbena lasiostachys var. scabrida) Native Perennial - Vervain Family -(May–Sep) - Open, dry to wet places - Plant 14-32" tall. Leaves green, narrow, 3-lobed, stiff-haired above. Flowers blue to purple on long stalk.

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TUMBLEWEED (Amaranthus albus) Naturalized Annual - Amaranth Family - (Jun–Oct) - Disturbed areas, roadsides, riverbanks, sandy places, agricultural fields - Plant upright, bushy. Stem pale. Flower clusters <= 0.6" long, at base of leaves. Flowers with 3 "petals".



REDROOT PIGWEED (Amaranthus retroflexus) Naturalized Annual - Amaranth Family -(Jun-Nov) - Common. Wet fields, roadside ditches, waste places, agricultural fields - Stem upright, 0.5-6' tall. Flower clusters green, dense, at leaf bases and stem tips.



CURLY DOCK (Rumex crispus) Naturalized Perennial - Buckwheat Family - (All year) -Abundant. Disturbed places - Stem 16-39" tall. Flower cluster dense, valves 0.2-0.24", winged around tubercles, smooth edged. 1 tubercle enlarged. INVASIVE.



FIDDLE DOCK (Rumex pulcher) Naturalized Perennial - Buckwheat Family - (May–Sep) -Disturbed places, meadows, moist or dry habitats - Stem 8-24" long, branches widely spreading. Leaf blades 1.6-4" long, 1.2-2" wide. Valves w/2-5 teeth.



WOOLLY FRUITED DESERTPARSLEY (Lomatium dasycarpum subsp. dasycarpum) Native Perennial - Carrot Family - (Mar–Jun) -Rocky (gen serpentine), chaparral, woodland -Plant 4-20", short-hairy. Flowers greenish-white, petals and fruit hairy.



DURANGO ROOT (Datisca glomerata) Native Perennial - Datisca Family - (May–Jul) - Dry streambeds or washes - Stem 3.3-6.6' tall. Leaves ~ 6" long, lance-shaped, alternate above, opposite/whorled below. Flowers small with no petals.



CHECKER LILY (Fritillaria affinis) Native Perennial - Lily Family - (Mar–Jun) - Common. Oak or pine scrub, grassland - Stem 4-47" tall. Leaves 1.6-6.3" long, whorled below. Petals mottled brown-purple and yellow-green, 0.4-1.6" long.



HOARY NETTLE (Urtica dioica subsp. holosericea) Native Perennial - Nettle Family -(Jun-Sep) - Meadows, seeps, springs, margins of marshes, streams, lakes, moist areas in chaparral, coastal scrub - Plant 3.3-9.8' tall, gravish, covered with stinging hairs.

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LADY'S MANTLE (Aphanes occidentalis) Native Annual - Rose Family - (Mar–May) - Seasonally moist grassland, chaparral, woodland - Plant inconspicuous, soft hairy, < 4" tall. Leaves 0.1-0.5" long, deeply lobed. Flowers yellow-green, < 0.1" long.



TURKEY-MULLEIN (Croton setigerus) Native Annual - Spurge Family - (May–Oct) - Dry, open, often disturbed areas - Plant < 8" tall, moundlike, covered w/long stiff hairs. Leaf blade 0.4-2" long, oval. TOXIC to livestock.



PYGMY WEED (Crassula connata) Native Annual - Stonecrop Family - (Feb–May) - Open areas - Plants 0.8-2.4"+ tall, red in age. Flowers < 0.1" long, 2 per node; Sepals 4, pointed end. Petals generally < sepals.



MUGWORT (Artemisia douglasiana) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (May–Nov) -Common. Open to shady areas, often in drainages - Plant 20-60" tall. Leaves gen 0.4-4" long, densely hairy below, some 3-5 lobed. Flower bracts hairy.



DAGGERLEAF COTTONROSE (Logfia gallica) Naturalized Annual - Sunflower Family -(Mar–Jul) - Bare or grassy openings, burns -Plant 1-20" tall, gen cobwebby. Leaves awl-shaped, stiff, > flower heads. Flowers brown to yellow.



SLENDER WOOLLY-MARBLES (Psilocarphus tenellus) Native Annual - Sunflower Family - (Mar–Jul) - Common. Dry, seasonally moist slopes, flats, burns, trails, rarely vernal pools - Plant hairy. Leaves spoon-shaped. Disk flowers 4-lobed.



SPINY COCKLEBUR (Xanthium spinosum) Native Annual - Sunflower Family - (Jul–Oct) -Disturbed, seasonally wet, often alkaline sites, in grassland, marshes, watercourses - Plant 4-24". Stem node spines 0.6-1.2" long, golden, gen 3-lobed. Bur 0.4-0.5" long.



COMMON FIDDLENECK (Amsinckia intermedia) Native Annual - Borage Family - (Mar–Jun) -Abundant. Open, generally disturbed places -Plant 0.5-3' tall. Flowers orange with 5 red spots, 0.3-0.4" long, 0.2-0.4" wide, tube straight.

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BENT-FLOWERED FIDDLENECK (Amsinckia lunaris) Native Annual - Borage Family -(Mar–Jun) - Gravelly slopes, grassland, openings in woodland - Flowers orange, 0.3-0.4" long, slightly 2-lipped with bent tube, 2 red marks. CNPS: ENDANGERED.



WOOLLY PAINTBRUSH (Castilleja foliolosa) Native Perennial - Broom-rape Family -(Mar–Jun) - Dry, open, rocky slopes, edges of chaparral - Plant 1-2' tall, base slightly woody, much branched, woolly. Flower cluster orange-red (occas. yellow-green).



WARRIOR'S PLUME (Pedicularis densiflora) Native Perennial - Broom-rape Family -(Mar-May) - Dry chaparral, oak/pine forest -Hairy. Stem 2.4-22". Basal leaves 5-28 cm long, 13-41 segments. Flowers deep-red to red-purple, 0.9-1.4" long, lower lip 1/8th upper.



SHEEP SORREL (Rumex acetosella) Naturalized Perennial - Buckwheat Family - (Apr–Jul) - ± Disturbed, often acidic places - Stem < 16". Leaf gen basal, blade 0.8-2.4" long, lower arrowhead-shaped w/2 lobes. Flowers yellowish, turn reddish. INVASIVE.



RED OR ORANGE LARKSPUR (Delphinium nudicaule) Native Perennial - Buttercup Family -(Mar–Jun) - Moist talus, wooded, rocky slopes -Stem gen 6-20" tall, usually hairless. Flowers scarlet to orange-red. Hummingbird pollinated.



CALIFORNIA FUCHSIA (Epilobium canum subsp. canum) Native Perennial - Evening Primrose Family - (Jun-Dec) - Dry slopes, ridges - Plant hairy, gen sticky with a woody base. Leaf 0.3-2.8" long, gray to green. Flowers red-orange, floral tube 0.8-1.2" long.



SCARLET PIMPERNEL (Anagallis arvensis) Naturalized Annual - Myrsine Family - (Mar–May) - Common. Disturbed places, ocean beaches -Plants 2-16" tall. Flowers 0.2-0.3" long, salmon or occasionally blue. Leaves TOXIC, can cause dermittis.



CALIFORNIA POPPY (Eschscholzia californica) Native Perennial - Poppy Family - (Feb–Sep) -Grassy, open areas - Plant 2-24" tall. Flower w/spreading rim <= 0.2". Petals 0.8-2.4" long, early spring = large and orange, fall = smaller and yellow.

Revision: 3/2/2014 Herbaceous - Red/Orange



WIND POPPY (Papaver heterophyllum) Native Annual - Poppy Family - (Apr–May) - Grassy areas, openings in chaparral - Plant 1-2', yellow sap. Petals orange-red, 0.4-0.8" long. Stigma spherical on slender style.



CALIFORNIA FIGWORT (Scrophularia californica) Native Perennial - Snapdragon Family - (Mar-Jul) - Common; damp places, chaparral, roadsides - Stem 2.6-4' tall, square x-section. Leaves opposite, to 7" long, triangular, toothed. Flowers 0.3-0.5" long, upper lips red to maroon, lower paler or yellowish.



VARIABLE-LEAF NEMOPHILA (Nemophila heterophylla) Native Annual - Borage Family -(Feb–Jun) - Common. Forest, chaparral, roadsides, streambanks - Flower 0.1-0.4" long, unspotted, bract appendages < 0.04" long in fruit.



SMALL-FLOWER NEMOPHILA (Nemophila parviflora var. parviflora) Native Annual - Borage Family - (Mar–Jul) - Woodland, forest, roadsides, slopes - Upper leaves 0.4-1.6" long, gen w/5 deep lobes. Flowers white or blue, 0.08-0.16" long; style < 0.1".



COMMON PHACELIA (Phacelia distans) Native Annual - Borage Family - (Mar–May) - Common. Clay to rocky soils, slopes - Plant 6-32" tall. Leaves divided. Flowers 0.24-0.35" long, dirty white. Seeds 2-4.



ROCK PHACELIA (Phacelia imbricata subsp. imbricata) Native Perennial - Borage Family -(Apr-Jul) - Slopes, roadsides, flats, canyons, chaparral, woodland - Plant 8-47", tufted. Leaf segments 7-15. Flowers 0.2-0.3", white. Flower bracts often sticky.



WHITE FIESTA FLOWER (Pholistoma membranaceum) Native Annual - Borage Family - (Feb–May) - Beaches, bluffs, ravines, wooded slopes, desert washes - Stem 2-36" tall. Flowers gen 2-10, 0.12-0.24" long, < 0.4" wide, white, no bractlets.



RUSTY POPCORNFLOWER (Plagiobothrys nothofulvus) Native Annual - Borage Family -(Mar–May) - Common; open woodland, grassland - Plant 8-28" tall, red-purple sap. Flower 0.16-0.35" wide, white. Seed often only 1, horizontal.



FOOL'S ONION (Triteleia hyacinthina) Native Perennial - Brodiaea Family - (Mar–Jul) -Grassland, vernally wet meadows, occ drier slopes - Flowering stem 1-2' tall. Leaves 4-16", 0.16-0.9" wide. Flower stalks 0.2-0.6" long. Flowers white, 0.35-0.6" long.



EAR-SHAPED WILD BUCKWHEAT (Eriogonum nudum var. auriculatum) Native Perennial - Buckwheat Family - (May-Oct) - Common. Sand or gravel - Plant 5-15 dm. Leaves on stem, curled. Inflor smooth. Flowers white to pink, smooth.



KNOTWEED (Polygonum aviculare subsp. depressum) Naturalized Annual - Buckwheat Family - (May–Nov) - Disturbed places - Stem 4-20", mat-forming. Flowers 2-8/leaf axil, ~0.1" long, fused 1/2 length, w/white or pink margins.



COMMON STAR LILY (Toxicoscordion fremontii) Native Perennial - Bunchflower Family -(Feb-Jun) - Grassy or wooded slopes, outcrops -Stem 16-35" tall. Flower cluster branched or unbranched. Petals 6, white to yellowish, 0.2-0.6" long, > stamens.



STARRY FALSE SOLOMON'S SEAL (Maianthemum stellatum) Native Perennial -Butcher's Broom Family - (Apr–Jun) - Moist woodland, streambanks, open slopes - Stem 12-28" long. Leaf 2-7" long. Flowers 5-15/cluster. Petals white, 0.16-0.28" long.



BUR-CHERVIL (Anthriscus caucalis) Naturalized Annual - Carrot Family - (Apr–Jun) - Generally shady places - Plant 18-40" tall. Flowers white; flower stalk >= fruit length. Fruits 0.1-0.2" long with curved "velcro" bristles. Leaves fern-like, triangular outline.



POISON HEMLOCK (Conium maculatum) Naturalized Biennial - Carrot Family - (Apr–Jul) -Common. Moist, esp disturbed places - Plants 2-10' tall. Stems purple-spotted. Leaves fern-like, gen 2x divided. Flowers white. TOXIC. INVASIVE weed.



COW PARSNIP (Heracleum maximum) Native Perennial - Carrot Family - (Apr–Jul) - Moist places, wooded or open - Plants 1-3 m tall, woolly-hairy. Leaflets 3, maple-lobed, 4-16" wide. Petals white, outermost longest. Juice causes dermatitis.



SWEET-CICELY (Osmorhiza berteroi) Native Perennial - Carrot Family - (Apr–Jul) - Conifer forest, woodland, disturbed areas - Plant 12-47". Leaflets in 3s, serrate to irreg lobed. Flower white. Fruit 0.5-1", upward pointing barbs, splitting apart below.



VENUS' NEEDLE (Scandix pecten-veneris) Naturalized Annual - Carrot Family - (Apr–Jun) -Grassy slopes, roadsides - Plant 6-20" tall. Leaf segments finely divided, linear. Flowers white, outer petals larger. Fruit 0.2-1" long with a beak 0.8-2.8" long.



TALL SOCK-DESTROYER (Torilis arvensis) Naturalized Annual - Carrot Family - (Apr–Jul) -Disturbed places - Plant erect, 12-40". Flower clusters open, > leaf. Fruits 0.1-0.2" long, covered with uncurved bristles. Flowers white or pinkish. INVASIVE weed.



SHORT SOCK-DESTROYER (Torilis nodosa) Naturalized Annual - Carrot Family - (Apr–Jun) -Disturbed places - Plant spreading, 4-20" tall. Flowers white to red, clusters dense, < leaf. Fruit ~ 0.1" long, uncurved bristles on outer surface, bumps inside.



WAVYLEAF SOAP PLANT (Chlorogalum pomeridianum var. pomeridianum) Native Perennial - Century Plant Family - (May–Aug) - Common. Open grassland, chaparral, woodland - Plant 1-8' tall, flowers at night. Bulb juices lather in water.



CALIFORNIA MAN-ROOT (Marah fabacea) Native Perennial - Gourd Family - (Feb-Apr) -Streamsides, washes, shrubby open areas - Vine 6-20' long. Leaves moderately lobed. Flowers cream or white, < 0.3" wide. Fruit spiny all over.



WHITE GLOBE LILY (Calochortus albus) Native Perennial - Lily Family - (Apr–Jun) - Common. Shady to open woodland, scrub - Stem 2-8 dm. Leaves grasslike. Flowers 2-many, hanging, closed at tip. Sepals 10-15 mm. Petals white to pink, 20-25 mm long.



OAKLAND STAR-TULIP (Calochortus umbellatus) Native Perennial - Lily Family -(Mar–May) - Open chaparral or woodland, gen on serpentine - Stem 3-10". Petals white or pink, 0.5-0.7" long, square tip, purple-spotted base. CNPS: FAIRLY ENDANGERED.



WHITE BUTTERFLY MARIPOSA LILY (Calochortus venustus) Native Perennial - Lily Family - (May–Jul) - Sandy (often granitic) soil in grassland, woodland, yellow-pine forest - Flowers white wisquare yellow nectary; 2 red patches above. Petals 1.2-2" long.



HOOKER FAIRY BELLS (Prosartes hookeri) Native Perennial - Lily Family - (Mar–Jun) -Montane conifer, mixed-evergreen forest, exposed roadside - Stem 12-32" tall. Leaf 1.2-6" long. Flower 0.3-0.6" long, white, hanging below the leaves, stamens > petals.



GOOSE GRASS (Galium aparine) Native Annual - Madder Family - (Apr-Jun) - Grassy, ± shady places - Stem 12-35" long, weak, brittle. Leaves 0.5-1.6" long, in whorls of 6-8. Flowers white, 4-lobed. Fruits covered w/short, hooked hairs.



CHEESEWEED (Malva parviflora) Naturalized Annual - Mallow Family - (Mar–May) - Common. Disturbed places - Stem 8-32" long, gen erect, widely branched. Flower bractlets linear. Petals 0.1-0.2" long, pink to gen white. Fruit with flange from flower bracts.



COMMON PALE CLAYTONIA (Claytonia exigua subsp. exigua) Native Annual - Miner's Lettuce Family - (Apr-Jul) - Dry or moist, disturbed bare clay to sandy soils, often serpentine - Stem leaf free or fused. Petals 0.1-0.2", white or pink. Seeds dull w/appendage.



YERBA BUENA (Clinopodium douglasii) Native Perennial - Mint Family - (Apr–Sep) - Shady places, chaparral, woodland - Stem trailing, gen woody, forming mats. Leaves 0.4-1.4" long, oval. Petals white to lavender, 3-8 mm long. Aromatic.



COMMON HOREHOUND (Marrubium vulgare) Naturalized Perennial - Mint Family - (Mar-Nov) -Disturbed sites, gen overgrazed pastures - Stem 4-24" long. Leaf blades 0.6-2.2" long. Flower bract w/10 hook-tipped teeth. Flowers white, ~0.2" long. INVASIVE.



CLIMBING MORNING-GLORY (Calystegia purpurata subsp. purpurata) Native Perennial -Morning-glory Family - (May–Jun) - Chaparral, coastal scrub - Stem strongly climbing. Leaf triangular, lobes strongly angled. Bractlets smooth, small, distant.



SHORTSTEM MORNING-GLORY (Calystegia subacaulis subsp. subacaulis) Native Perennial - Morning-glory Family - (Apr–Jun) - Dry, open scrub or woodland - Stem gen ~0.8" long. Flowers 1.3-2.4" long, white or cream. Bractlets concealing flower bracts.



BINDWEED (Convolvulus arvensis) Naturalized Perennial - Morning-glory Family - (Mar–Oct) -Roadsides, open areas in many pl communities -Trailing. Leaf 0.8-1.2" long, w/round tip, pointed lobes. Flowers white to pink, 0.8-1" long. NOXIOUS.



DWARF SANDWEED (Athysanus pusillus) Native Annual - Mustard Family - (Feb–Jun) -Grassy, open slopes, rocky outcrops, chaparral, flats, floodplains, cliffs, ledges - Stem 2-12" long, spindly. Flower cluster 1-sided. Petals white, ~0.1" long. Fruits round, hairy.



SHEPHERD'S PURSE (Capsella bursa-pastoris) Naturalized Annual - Mustard Family - (Jan–Oct) - Disturbed areas - Stem 4-20" long. Basal leaves 1.2-2.4" long, dandelion-like. Petals white, 0.08-0.16" long. Fruits 0.16-0.35" long, flat, heart-shaped.



MILK MAIDS (Cardamine californica) Native Perennial - Mustard Family - (Jan–May) - Gen shaded sites, canyons, woodland. One of first spring flowers - Stem 10-24" long. Leaves lobed to compound w/sharp teeth. Petals white or pale rose, 0.3-0.5" long.



WESTERN BITTER-CRESS (Cardamine oligosperma) Native Annual - Mustard Family - (Mar–Jul) - Wet meadows, shady banks, damp areas - Plants < 16". Leaves divided into 5-9 leaflets. Flowers white, 0.1-0.2" long. Fruit < 0.1" wide.



THREADLEAF PEPPERGRASS (Lepidium nitidum) Native Annual - Mustard Family -(Feb-Mar) - Alkaline soils, pastures, dry vernal pools, fields, beaches - Fruit stalk flat. Fruit smooth, 0.14-0.24" long, cupped, winged.



PROSTRATE PEPPERGRASS (Lepidium strictum) Naturalized Annual - Mustard Family - (Apr–Jun) - Uncommon. Disturbed areas, woodland, slopes - Stem 2.8-6.7", gen crawling. Leaves pinnately lobed. Flower cluster crowded, stallk < fruit, sepals stay.



WATER CRESS (Nasturtium officinale) Native Perennial - Mustard Family - (Mar–Nov) -Streams, springs, marshes, lake margins, swamps - Stem 4-43" long. Leaflets 3-9, 0.3-1" wide. Petals white, 0.12-0.18" long. EDIBLE leaves.



HAIRY FRINGEPOD (Thysanocarpus curvipes) Native Annual - Mustard Family - (Feb–Jun) -Common. Slopes, washes, moist meadows, woodland, streambanks - Stem 4-24". Leaf clasping w/ears'. Fruit 0.12-0.24" wide, hanging, often hairy w/perforated edge.



BLACK NIGHTSHADE (Solanum nigrum) Naturalized Annual - Nightshade Family -(Mar–Oct) - Disturbed places - Flower 0.4" wide w/deep lobes, white. Anthers 0.08" long. Seeds 0.08". Bracts 0.08-0.12" long, not curled back in fruit.



SPOTTED CORALROOT (Corallorhiza maculata var. maculata) Native Perennial - Orchid Family - (May-Aug) - Shaded mixed-evergreen or conifer forest, in decomposing If litter - Flower lip white, not widest at tip, w/2 rounded side lobes.



GAMBEL MILKVETCH (Astragalus gambelianus) Native Annual - Pea Family - (Mar–Jul) - Open, grassy areas, scrub - Plant 8-12" tall, slender. Leaflets square-tipped. Flowers 4-15/cluster, white w/purple-tinge, ~0.1" long. Fruits ~0.15" long, reflexed.



CALIFORNIA TEA (Rupertia physodes) Native Perennial - Pea Family - (May–Sep) - Woodland -Stem ~1.6'. Leaflets 3, triangular to lance-shaped, 1.4-2.8" long, sticky. Flower bracts not hairy, lobes =. Flowers white or yellow, banner 0.4-0.55" long.



SUBTERRANEAN CLOVER (Trifolium subterraneum) Naturalized Annual - Pea Family -(Mar-Apr) - Meadows, roadsides, disturbed areas - Plant hairy, creeping. Leaflets 0.4-0.6" long. Head 0.4" wide. Flowers white, 0.3-0.55" long, fruit in a bur.



STICKY MOUSE-EAR CHICKWEED (Cerastium glomeratum) Naturalized Annual - Pink Family - (Spring) - Dry hillsides, grassland, chaparral, disturbed areas - Flowers 0.1-02" long, white, sticky-hairy. Flower bract hairs extend beyond tip; bracts herbaceous.



SMALL-FLOWER CATCHFLY (Silene gallica) Naturalized Annual - Pink Family - (Spring-early summer) - Fields, disturbed areas - Plant 4-16". Leaves < 1.4" long. Flower cluster short-hairy, bracts sticky-hairy, petal blade 0.2-0.5" long, smooth to notched, white to pink.



COMMON CHICKWEED (Stellaria media) Naturalized Annual - Pink Family - (Feb–Sep) -Oak woodland, meadows, disturbed areas - Plant 2.8-20" tall. Stem w/line of hairs on 1 side. Sepals 0.12-0.18" long. Petals white, 2-lobed, 0.7-0.9x sepals.



CALIFORNIA DWARF PLANTAIN (Plantago erecta) Native Annual - Plantain Family -(Mar-May) - Sandy, clay, serpentine soil; grassy slopes, flats, open woodland - Leaf 1.2-5" long, linear, hairy. Flowers + stem 1.2-12" tall, cluster 0.2-1.2" long.



ENGLISH PLANTAIN (Plantago lanceolata) Naturalized Annual - Plantain Family - (Apr–Aug) - Common. Disturbed areas - Leaves basal, hairy, 2-10" long, <= 1" wide. Flowers + stem 8-31" tall, flower cluster 0.8-3" long. INVASIVE, lawn weed.



CREAM CUPS (Platystemon californicus) Native Annual - Poppy Family - (Mar–May) - Open grassland, sandy soil, burns - Plant 1.2-12" tall, shaggy-hairy. Leaves 0.4-3.5" long, narrow. Flowers solitary. Stamens > 12. Petals 6, gen cream with yellow base.



STICKY CINQUEFOIL (Drymocallis glandulosa var. wrangelliana) Native Perennial - Rose Family - (May–Jul) - Gen ± shady or moist areas - Stem 8-28". Flower 0.2-0.25" long, pale yellow to cream. Terminal leaflet distinct, unlobed.



WOOD STRAWBERRY (Fragaria vesca) Native Perennial - Rose Family - (Jan–Jul) - Gen partial shade in forest - Stem gen 1.2-6" long. Leaflets 3, thin. Central leaflet gen w/12-21 teeth. Flower white, gen 0.6" wide, often above leaves. Fruit a strawbery.



SMALL-FLOWER ALUMROOT (Heuchera micrantha) Native Perennial - Saxifrage Family - (Apr-Jul) - Moist, rocky banks and cliffs - Plant 4-40" tall. Leaf blade 0.8-4.7" long, 5-7 lobed, generally hairy. Petals white, ~ 0.1" long.



WOODLAND STAR (Lithophragma affine) Native Perennial - Saxifrage Family - (Mar–Apr) - Open, grassy slopes - Plant 4-24" tall. Leaves w/3-5 sharp-toothed shallow lobes, stem leaves alternate. Petals 0.2-0.5" long, white. Hypanthium funnel-shaped.



CALIFORNIA SAXIFRAGE (Micranthes californica) Native Perennial - Saxifrage Family - (Feb-May(Jun)) - Moist, shady places - Plant 6-14" tall. Leaves 1.6-4" long, at base, egg-shaped, >= 0.08" wide, toothed. Petals white, 0.1-0.18" long.



YARROW (Achillea millefolium) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Apr–Sep) - Many habitats -Plant 4"-7' tall. Stem white-hairy. Leaves finely dissected. Flower cluster flat-topped. Flowers white to pink. Widely used in folk medicine.



MAYWEED (Anthemis cotula) Naturalized Annual -Sunflower Family - (Apr–Aug) - Common. Disturbed areas, fields, coastal dunes, chaparral, oak woodland - Leaves finely divided into thread-like lobes. Flowers > 0.6" wide, many on top of a well-branched stem.



COMMON CALIFORNIA-ASTER (Corethrogyne filaginifolia) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Jul-Nov) - Coastal scrub, chaparral, grassland, foothill woodland, forest - Heads 3-20+, calyx length 2x width. Rays white to pink-purple.



CALIFORNIA EVERLASTING (Pseudognaphalium californicum) Native Biennial - Sunflower Family - (Apr–Jul) - Sandy canyons, dry hills, coastal chaparral - Stem 8-51" tall. Leaves green + glandular on both sides. Heads white, spheric, 0.2-0.24" long.



LONGHORN PLECTRITIS (Plectritis macrocera) Native Annual - Valerian Family - (Mar–Jun) -Common. Open, partly shaded slopes - Plant 24-32" tall. Leaves to 1.8" long. Flowers 0.08-0.15" long w/tapering spur, white to pale pink. Fruit grooved.



CALIFORNIA BUTTERCUP (Ranunculus californicus var. californicus) Native Perennial -Buttercup Family - (Mar–Aug) - Grassland, open woodland - Petals 9-17, 0.28-0.55" long, often > 2x width. Fruit body 0.07-0.13" long, 0.05-0.09" wide, smooth.



PRICKLESEED BUTTERCUP (Ranunculus muricatus) Naturalized Annual - Buttercup Family - (Apr–Jun) - Stream-banks, drainages, low meadows - Plant 6-20". Leaves gen 3-lobed. Petals yellow, 5, 0.16-0.3" long. Fruits 0.2" long with curved bristles.



WESTERN BUTTERCUP (Ranunculus occidentalis var. occidentalis) Native Perennial -Buttercup Family - (Mar-Jul) - Grassy slopes in meadows or open woodland - Plant 4-24". Basal leaves partly divided. Petals 5-6, 0.2-0.4" long. Fruit w/short bristles.



FOOTHILL MEADOW-RUE (Thalictrum fendleri var. polycarpum) Native Perennial - Buttercup Family - (Mar–Jun) - Moist, open to shaded places, woodland, forest - Plant 2-6'+ tall, male or female. Leaf 1-4x divided, 3-18" long, segments 0.3-0.8" long. No petals.



CELERY WEED (Lomatium californicum) Native Perennial - Carrot Family - (Apr–Jun) -Woodland, brushy slopes - Plant 12-48" tall, smooth, waxy. Leaf segments wedge-shaped, celery-like. Flowers yellow. Used medicinally by Native Americans.



BLADDER PARSNIP (Lomatium utriculatum) Native Perennial - Carrot Family - (Feb–May) -Open grassy slopes, meadows, woodland - Plant 4-20" tall, leafy stem. Leaf lobes linear, bases broad. Flowers bright yellow above unfused, round bractlets. Fruit winged.



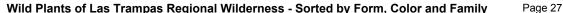
PACIFIC WOODLAND SANICLE (Sanicula crassicaulis) Native Perennial - Carrot Family - (Mar–May) - Open slopes, ravines, woodland - Plants stout, 9-47". Leaves 1-5" across with 3-5 deep, palmate lobes and serrate edges. Flowers yellow.



TURKEY PEA SANICLE (Sanicula tuberosa) Native Perennial - Carrot Family - (Mar–Jul) -Open gravelly meadows, chaparral, woodland, pine forest - Plant 2-32" tall, slender. Leaves finely dissected. Flowers bright yellow, male flower stalks > bumpy fruit.



SMALL-FLOWER SUNCUP (Camissoniopsis micrantha) Native Annual - Evening Primrose Family - (Mar-May) - Coastal dunes, beaches, sandy fields, washes - Stem crawling. Petals yellow, 0.06-0.2" long. Fruit > 0.04" wide, cylindric, dries 4-angled.





GOLDEN EGGS SUNCUP (Taraxia ovata) Native Perennial - Evening Primrose Family - (Mar–Jun) - Grassy fields, gen clay soil - Stemless. Leaf blade oval, 1.2-6" long w/long stalks. Flower stalks leafless. Petals yellow, 0.3-0.9" long. Ovary hidden.



YELLOW MARIPOSA LILY (Calochortus luteus) Native Perennial - Lily Family - (Apr–Jun) - Heavy soils in grassland, woodland, mixed-evergreen forest - Stem 8-20" long. Flowers bell-shaped, deep yellow, 0.8-1.6" long, gen w/inner central red-brown spot.



MOUNT DIABLO FAIRY-LANTERN (Calochortus pulchellus) Native Perennial - Lily Family -(Apr-Jun) - Wooded slopes, rarely chaparral, gen n aspect - Stem 4-12", gen branched. Petals light yellow, 1-1.3", sparsely hairy inside. CNPS: FAIRLY ENDANGERED.



GOLDEN MONKEYFLOWER (Mimulus guttatus) Native Perennial - Lopseed Family - (Mar–Aug) -Common. Wet places, gen terrestrial, occ emergent or floating in mats - Plant 0.8-60". Flower yellow, gen > 0.8" long; mature bracts flattened sideways, inflated in fruit.



CLIMBING BEDSTRAW (Galium porrigens var. porrigens) Native Perennial - Madder Family -(May-Aug) - Among shrubs in chaparral, forest -Stem 4-59" long. Leaves 0.1-0.7" long, oval to egg-shaped, in whorls of 4. Flowers yellow to red, 4-lobed.



ERECT-POD WINTER CRESS (Barbarea orthoceras) Native Perennial - Mustard Family -(Mar–Jul) - Meadows, streambanks, moist woodland, grassland - Stem 8-24". Lower leaves w/large terminal lobe, upper clasping stem. Petals bright yellow, 0.2-0.3" long.



BLACK MUSTARD (Brassica nigra) Naturalized Annual - Mustard Family - (Apr-Sep) - Common. Disturbed areas, fields - Plant 1-6' tall. Petals bright yellow, 0.3-0.4" long. Fruit upright, pressed against stem. INVASIVE weed.



WESTERN WALLFLOWER (Erysimum capitatum var. capitatum) Native Biennial - Mustard Family - (Mar–Sep) - Common. Open areas, woodland, sandy areas, chaparral - Petals orange to yellow, fruit 1-4.3" long.



SHORTPOD MUSTARD (Hirschfeldia incana) Naturalized Biennial-Perennial - Mustard Family -(Apr-Oct) - Disturbed areas - Stem 16-60". Longest leaves 1.6-4" long, dense-hairy. Petals pale yellow, ~0.2" long. Fruit appressed. Fall-blooming. INVASIVE.



CHARLOCK (Sinapis arvensis) Naturalized Annual - Mustard Family - (Mar–Sep) - Disturbed areas - Stem 8-39", no rosette. Leaves coarse. Petals 0.35-0.47" long, yellow. Fruit 0.8-1.8", ascending, beak 0.24-0.47" long w/fat base. 3-7 valve veins. INVASIVE weed.



HEDGE MUSTARD (Sisymbrium officinale) Naturalized Annual - Mustard Family - (Apr-Sep) - Disturbed areas, fields, pastures - Stem 10-22" tall, thin, wiry. Petals 0.1-0.16" long, pale yellow. Fruit 0.4-0.55" long, awl-shaped, appressed.



COLCHITA (Acmispon brachycarpus) Native Annual - Pea Family - (Mar–Jun) - Abundant. Grassland, oak and pine woodland, desert flats and mtns, roadsides - Soft, densely hairy, < 16" tall. Flower yellow, almost stemless, bract lobes 1-2x flower tube.



DEERWEED (Acmispon glaber var. glaber) Native Perennial - Pea Family - (Mar–Aug) -Chaparral, roadsides, coastal sands; common -Often shrubby, leaflets 3-6, many clusters of 3-7 stemless flowers, yellow fading to orange-red, 0.3-0.5" long.



CALIFORNIA LOTUS (Acmispon wrangelianus) Native Annual - Pea Family - (Mar–Jun) -Abundant. Coastal bluffs, chaparral, disturbed areas - Low growing. Flowers yellow aging red, 0.2-0.4" long, almost stemless. Bract lobes same length as flower tube.



CALIFORNIA BURCLOVER (Medicago polymorpha) Naturalized Annual - Pea Family -(Mar–Jul) - Common. Chaparral, oak woodland, streambanks, roadsides, disturbed areas - Stem 4-20". Flower yellow, 0.14-0.24" long. Spiny spiral fruits. INVASIVE.



LITTLE HOP CLOVER (Trifolium dubium) Naturalized Annual - Pea Family - (Spring) -Agricultural, disturbed areas, lawns - Heads 0.16-0.3" wide. Flowers bright yellow, age brown, quickly reflex, smooth.



BLOW WIVES (Achyrachaena mollis) Native Annual - Sunflower Family - (Mar–Jun) -Common. Grassy sites, often clay soils - Plant 2-24" tall, soft-hairy. Flowers yellow turning red, 0.1-0.5" wide, extend < 0.1" beyond green bracts. Showy, flat scales attached to seeds.



GIANT NATIVE DANDELION (Agoseris grandiflora var. grandiflora) Native Perennial -Sunflower Family - (Apr–Jul) - Grassland, scrub, woodland - Plant 10-40". Leaf lobes point up. Flower rosy-purple, variable-sized bracts. Seed tapers to beak > 2x body length. Leaf lobes point upward.



TOCALOTE (Centaurea melitensis) Naturalized Annual - Sunflower Family - (Apr-Jul) - Disturbed fields, open woodland - Plant 4-39", gray-hairy, resinous. Leaves 0.8-6" long. Flowers yellow, 0.4-0.8" long, bracts tipped w/purple spines. NOXIOUS weed.



YELLOW STAR-THISTLE (Centaurea solstitialis) Naturalized Annual - Sunflower Family -(May–Oct) - Invasive, roadsides, disturbed grassland or woodland - Plant 4-39" tall. Leaves woolly, extend down the stem. Flower bract spines 0.4-1" long. NOXIOUS weed.



ROSILLA (Helenium puberulum) Native Biennial -Sunflower Family - (Jun–Aug) - Streambanks, seepage areas, lake margins - Plant 20-63". Flower head spherical, disk flowers ~0.1" long, yellow on sides, brown-purple on top; rays 0.15-0.4" long, point down.



DIABLO HELIANTHELLA (Helianthella castanea) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Apr–Jun) -Open, grassy sites - Stem 4-20" tall. Leaves w/ 1 pair of veins more distinct. Outer head bracts leaf-like, curl around head. CNPS: FAIRLY ENDANGERED.



BRISTLY OX-TONGUE (Helminthotheca echioides) Naturalized Annual-Biennial -Sunflower Family - (All year) - Common. Disturbed areas - Stem 1-6.5' tall, bristly. Leaf 2-8" long, covered with prickly bumps. Flower heads 0.8-1.6" wide. INVASIVE weed.



BOLANDER GOLDENASTER (Heterotheca sessiliflora subsp. bolanderi) Native Perennial -Sunflower Family - (Jun–Sep) - Dunes, headlands, grassy coastal slopes - Plant gen 8-28", unbranched. Leaves wide, soft-hairy. Heads clustered, rays 0.3-0.6".



BRISTLY GOLDENASTER (Heterotheca sessiliflora subsp. echioides) Native Perennial -Sunflower Family - (Jul-Oct) - Grassland, scrub, woodland, open forest, disturbed sites - Plant 2-7 dm, bristly. Leaves flat, to 5 cm long, upper reduced. Head bracts not leafy.



SMOOTH CAT'S-EAR (Hypochaeris glabra) Naturalized Annual - Sunflower Family -(Mar–Jun) - Common. Disturbed areas, grassland, open woodland - Plant 4-24" tall, smooth. Rays 0.2-0.3" long, barely > head bracts. Only inner fruit beaked. INVASIVE.



ROUGH CAT'S-EAR (Hypochaeris radicata) Naturalized Perennial - Sunflower Family -(Apr–Jul) - Disturbed areas, grassland, open woodland - Plant 4-32" tall, rough-hairy. Rays 0.4-0.6" long, well exceeding head bracts. Fruits all beaked. INVASIVE weed.



WILLOW LETTUCE (Lactuca saligna) Naturalized Annual - Sunflower Family -(Jul-Nov) - Roadsides, grassland - Stem 12-39" tall. Leaf lobes entire or few-toothed, no prickles underneath. Flowers 5-12, pale yellow, open in morning.



PRICKLY LETTUCE (Lactuca serriola) Naturalized Annual - Sunflower Family -(May–Oct) - Abundant. Disturbed places - Stem 1.6-10' tall, prickly-bristly. Leaves deeply-lobed, midvein and edges prickly-bristly. Flowers pale yellow, 0.16-0.2" wide.



COMMON HARE-LEAF (Lagophylla ramosissima) Native Annual - Sunflower Family -(Apr-Oct) - Grassland, openings in scrub, woodland, forest - Plant 4-40" tall. Leaves hairy, often sticky, to 4.7" long. Rays yellow, 0.12-0.24" long.



CALIFORNIA GOLDFIELDS (Lasthenia californica subsp. californica) Native Annual -Sunflower Family - (Feb–Jun) - Many habitats -Stem < 16" tall, hairy. Leaves 0.3-2.8" long, <0.25" wide, smooth edged. Head bracts 4-13, not joined. Rays 0.2-0.7" long.



TIDY-TIPS (Layia platyglossa) Native Annual -Sunflower Family - (Feb–Jul) - Many habitats -Plant 1-28" tall, sticky. Leaves narrow. Ray flowers 0.1-0.8" long, yellow w/white tips. Disk anthers gen dark purple.



GUMWEED (Madia gracilis) Native Annual -Sunflower Family - (Apr-Aug) - Open, semi-shaded or disturbed sites, many habitats, incl serpentine - Plant 2.4-40" tall, hairy, upper half sticky. Leaf 0.4-4" long. Rays yellow, 3-10, 0.06-0.3" long. Bracts 6-10 mm tall.



COAST TARWEED (Madia sativa) Native Annual -Sunflower Family - (May–Oct) - Grassy, open, or disturbed sites - Plant 3.5-10 dm, hairy, all glandular. Leaf 0.8-7.1" long, 0.1-0.7" wide. Rays green-yellow, 8-13, 0.06-0.16" long. Head bracts 0.24-0.6" tall.



PINEAPPLE WEED (Matricaria discoidea) Naturalized Annual - Sunflower Family -(Feb–Aug) - Abundant. Disturbed sites, riverbanks - Plant 4-12" tall, sweet-scented. Heads pineapple-shaped, ~ 0.4" wide; head stalk to 0.6" long.



DOUGLAS SILVERPUFFS (Microseris douglasii subsp. douglasii) Native Annual - Sunflower Family - (Mar–Jun) - Grassland, near vernal pools or serpentine - Plant 2-24". Leaf 1.2-10". Pappus scales <= 5, 0.04-0.24" long. Fruit widest at tip.



COTTON-BATTING PLANT (Pseudognaphalium stramineum) Native Annual - Sunflower Family -(Mar–Aug) - Many habitats, dunes, chaparral slopes, roadsides - Heads 0.16-0.2" long, female flowers > 0.08" long, pappus bristles free.



COMMON GROUNDSEL (Senecio vulgaris) Naturalized Annual - Sunflower Family -(Feb-Jul) - Common. Disturbed areas - Plant 4-24" tall, not hairy, w/1-10+ stems. Flower head bracts with black-tips. Milky sap.



CALIFORNIA GOLDENROD (Solidago velutina subsp. californica) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (May–Nov) - Woodland margins, grassland, disturbed soils - Stem 8-60" tall. Gen densely short-soft-hairy. Flower cluster height 2-4x width.



PRICKLY SOW THISTLE (Sonchus asper subsp. asper) Naturalized Annual - Sunflower Family -(All year) - Common. Slightly moist disturbed sites, along streams - Plant 4-48". Leaf teeth prickly. Basal lobes of upper leaves rounded, curving downward.



COMMON SOW THISTLE (Sonchus oleraceus) Naturalized Annual - Sunflower Family - (All year) - Abundant. Disturbed places - Plant 4-55" tall. Leaf teeth soft to touch. Basal lobes of upper leaves sharply pointed, straight to curving upward.



COMMON DANDELION (Taraxacum officinale) Naturalized Biennial-Perennial - Sunflower Family - (All year) - Abundant. Esp disturbed areas -Stem hollow. Leaves bright green with sharp down-pointing lobes. Outer head bracts reflexed. Fruit ~ brown.



SILVERPUFFS (Uropappus lindleyi) Native Annual - Sunflower Family - (Mar–May) -Common. Open grassland, woodland, chaparral, deserts, gen in loose soils - Heads pale yellow, never nod. Outer head bracts always > 1/4 inner length. Pappus scale notched.



NARROW-LEAVED MULE'S EARS (Wyethia angustifolia) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Apr-Aug) - Grassland - Plant 4-35" tall, rough-hairy. Leaves narrow, veins all similar, base blades 4-20" long. Ray flowers 0.6-1.8" long.



SMOOTH MULE'S EARS (Wyethia glabra) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Mar–Jun) -Gen shady sites - Plant 4-16" tall, shiny green, no woolly hairs. Leaf basal blades 10-18" long, lance-shaped to oval, shiny. Ray flowers 1-2" long.



GRAY MULE'S EARS (Wyethia helenioides) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family -(Mar–May(Aug)) - Open grassland, woodland, scrub - Plant 8-28" tall, densely woolly, often becoming smooth. Some woolly hairs remain on leaf stalks and floral bracts.



JOHNNY-JUMP-UP (Viola pedunculata) Native Perennial - Violet Family - (Feb–Apr) - Open, grassy slopes, hillsides, chaparral, oak woodland, gen full sun - Plant 2-15" tall. No basal leaves. Petals gold-yellow, lower 3 brown-veined, upper 2 red-brown on back.



JIM BRUSH (Ceanothus oliganthus var. sorediatus) Native Perennial - Buckthorn Family -(Jan–May) - Slopes, ridges, chaparral, conifer forest - Shrub/tree < 11.5' tall. Twigs red-brown. Leaves alternate, 3 main veins. Flowers blue, purple-blue or whitish.

Woody - Blue/Pink/Purple



BLUE BLOSSOM (Ceanothus thyrsiflorus var. thyrsiflorus) Native Perennial - Buckthorn Family - (Mar-Jun) - Bluffs, slopes, canyons, chaparral, coastal scrub, closed-cone-pine forest - Leaves alternate, 3 main veins. Twigs angled, ridged lengthwise.



CHAPARRAL CURRANT (Ribes malvaceum var. malvaceum) Native Perennial - Gooseberry Family - (Oct–Apr) - Chaparral, oak woodland -Shrub < 6.6' tall, no prickles. Petals 0.08-0.12" long, pink to white. Styles hairy at base.



HAIRY VINE HONEYSUCKLE (Lonicera hispidula) Native Perennial - Honeysuckle Family - (May–Jun) - Canyons, streamsides, woodland - Shrub sprawling-climbing, 6-10' long, short-hairy. Flower cluster densely sticky. Flowers pink, 0.5-0.6" long, sticky-hairy.



SNOWBERRY (Symphoricarpos albus var. laevigatus) Native Perennial - Honeysuckle Family - (May–Jul) - Shady woodland, streambanks, N. slopes - Shrub 20-71" tall. Flowers > 8/cluster, pink, 0.16-0.24" long, bell-shaped, swollen on 1 side.



CREEPING SNOWBERRY (Symphoricarpos mollis) Native Perennial - Honeysuckle Family -(Apr–May) - Ridges, slopes, open places in woodland - Shrub 6-24" tall, sprawling. Flowers < 8/cluster, pink + often red outside, 0.16" long, bell-shaped, symetrical.



BLACK SAGE (Salvia mellifera) Native Perennial - Mint Family - (Mar–Jun) - Coastal-sage scrub, lower chaparral - Shrub 3.3-6' tall. Leaf 1-2.8" long, toothed, hairy underneath. Flowers blue, white or lavender, tube 0.2-0.4" long, in clusters 0.6-1.6" wide.



BLUE WITCH (Solanum umbelliferum) Native Perennial - Nightshade Family - (All year) -Shrubland, mixed-evergreen forest, woodland -Plant gen < 39", upper stem hairs branched, dense. Flowers 0.6-1" wide, purple, with green spots at the base.



CALIFORNIA ROSE (Rosa californica) Native Perennial - Rose Family - (Feb–Nov) - Gen ± moist areas in sun, esp streambanks - Shrub 2.6-8.2'. tall w/thick curved spines, forming thickets. Petals pink, 0.6-1" long; sepals unlobed.

Woody - Blue/Pink/Purple



WOOD ROSE (Rosa gymnocarpa var. gymnocarpa) Native Perennial - Rose Family -((Feb)Apr-Jul) - Common. Gen in shade of forest, scrub - Shrub w/straight thorns. Flowers gen solitary, stalks sticky, fruit smooth, sepals deciduous.



WHITE ALDER (Alnus rhombifolia) Native Perennial - Birch Family - (Apr–Jun) - Along permanent streams - Tree. Leaves flat, not rusty underneath, margins serrate, not rolled under. Female flowers cone-like. Wood used for furniture and for smoking meats.



CALIFORNIA HAZELNUT (Corylus cornuta subsp. californica) Native Perennial - Birch Family - (Jan-Mar) - Common. Many habitats, esp moist, shady places - Shrub, small tree < 13' tall. Leaf velvetry-hairy. Fruits 0.8-1.2" long in papery bracts, 1-2/group.



CALIFORNIA COFFEE BERRY (Frangula californica subsp. californica) Native Perennial -Buckthorn Family - (May–Jul) - Coastal-sage scrub, chaparral, forest, woodland - Shrub < 16' tall. Flowers greenish. Leaves smooth beneath.



COAST LIVE OAK (Quercus agrifolia var. agrifolia) Native Perennial - Oak Family -(Mar-Apr) - Valleys, slopes, mixed-evergreen forest, woodland - Tree 30-80'. Leaves convex, hair-tuft below in vein axils. Acorns on 1st year twigs, shell glabrous inside.



BLUE OAK (Quercus douglasii) Native Perennial - Oak Family - (Apr–May) - Dry slopes, interior foothills, woodland - Tree 20-66', deciduous. Bark checkered into scales. Leaves 1.2-2.4" long, bluish green, unlobed to shallowly lobed, lacking bristles.



CALIFORNIA BLACK OAK (Quercus kelloggii) Native Perennial - Oak Family - (Apr–May) -Slopes, valleys, woodland, conifer forest - Tree < 80', deciduous. Leaves 3.5-8" long, supple, deeply-lobed, lobes bristle-tipped.



VALLEY OAK (Quercus lobata) Native Perennial - Oak Family - (Mar–Apr) - Slopes, valleys, savanna - Tree < 115' tall, deciduous. Leaves 2-5" long, not leathery, deeply lobed, lobes without bristles. Acorns 1.2-2" long, slender, cup 0.4-1.2" deep.

Woody - Green/Brown



INTERIOR LIVE OAK (Quercus wislizeni var. wislizeni) Native Perennial - Oak Family -(Mar-May) - Interior canyons, slopes, pine/oak woodland - Tree < 75'. Leaf blades 0.8-2" long, hairless, flat. Acorns on 2nd year twigs, shell woolly inside.



BIG-LEAF MAPLE (Acer macrophyllum) Native Perennial - Soapberry Family - (Mar–Jun) -Common. Streambanks, canyons - Tree < 100'. Leaves 5-lobed, 3-6" long, 4-10" wide. Group of 20-90 hanging flowers appear after leaves. Winged seeds.



WESTERN POISON OAK (Toxicodendron diversilobum) Native Perennial - Sumac Family - (Apr–Jun) - Canyons, slopes, chaparral, coastal scrub, oak woodland - Shrub or vine. Leaflets 3, red in fall, mid leaflet stalked. Flowers green. Fruits white. TOXIC.



CALIFORNIA SAGEBRUSH (Artemisia californica) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Aug-Nov) - Coastal scrub, chaparral, open woodland - Shrub 2-8.5' tall, rounded. Leaves 0.4-4", hairy, thread-like, It green to gray. Flower heads < 5 mm wide. Sage-scented.



WESTERN SYCAMORE (Platanus racemosa) Native Perennial - Sycamore Family - (Feb–Apr) -Common. Streamsides, canyons, arroyos - Tree 33-115' tall. Bark peeling pale. Leaf blades 4-10" long, palmately lobed, smooth to hairy above, short-woolly under.



CALIFORNIA YERBA SANTA (Eriodictyon californicum) Native Perennial - Borage Family - (Apr-Jul) - Slopes, fields, roadsides, woodland, chaparral - Shrub 3.3-10' tall. Leaf blade sticky, <= 6" long, 1.6-2" wide. Flowers white to purple, 0.3-0.5" long.



BUCKBRUSH (Ceanothus cuneatus var. cuneatus) Native Perennial - Buckthorn Family -(FeD-May) - Sandy to rocky flats, slopes, ridges -Shrub/tree < 10' tall. Leaves opposite on rigid twigs, w/single main vein. Flowers gen white.



CHAPARRAL CLEMATIS (Clematis lasiantha) Native Perennial - Buttercup Family - (Jan–Jun) -Hillsides, chaparral, open woodland - Woody vine. Leaflets 3-5, +-3-lobed. Flowers gen 1, in spring; sepals white to cream, 0.4-0.8" long.

Woody - White



WESTERN AMERICAN DOGWOOD (Cornus sericea subsp. occidentalis) Native Perennial - Dogwood Family - (May–Jul) - Generally moist places - Shrub 5-13' tall. Leaf blades gen 2-4" long, rough-hairy below, veins in 4-7 pairs. Petals white, 0.1-0.2" long.



HILLSIDE GOOSEBERRY (Ribes californicum var. californicum) Native Perennial - Gooseberry Family - (Feb–Mar) - Forest openings, woodland - Shrub < 5' tall. Leaf blades 0.4-1.2" long, not sticky. Sepals greenish, petals 0.12" long, white.



CANYON GOOSEBERRY (Ribes menziesii var. menziesii) Native Perennial - Gooseberry Family - (Feb-Apr) - Common. Forest openings, chaparral - Shrub < 10', prickly. Leaves sticky below. Styles glabrous, anthers exserted, sepals purplish.



PACIFIC MADRONE (Arbutus menziesii) Native Perennial - Heath Family - (Mar–May) - Conifer, oak forests - Tree < 130' tall, evergreen, peeling red bark. Leaf blades < 5" long. Flowers yellow-white or pink, < 3.1" long. Berries red, < 0.5" diam, round.



BRITTLE-LEAF MANZANITA (Arctostaphylos crustacea subsp. crustacea) Native Perennial - Heath Family - (Feb–Apr) - Chaparral, conifer forest - Twigs bristly, leaf stalk 0.1-0.2", upper leaf surface shiny.



EASTWOOD MANZANITA (Arctostaphylos glandulosa subsp. glandulosa) Native Perennial - Heath Family - (Jan-Apr) - Chaparral, conifer forest - Shrub 3-13' tall. Twigs w/gland-tipped hairs, leafy bracts, 0.1-0.2" leaf stalk, burl. Upper leaf surface not shiny.



BLUE ELDERBERRY (Sambucus nigra subsp. caerulea) Native Perennial - Muskroot Family -(Mar-Sep) - Common. Streambanks, open places in forest - Shrub 7-26' tall. Flower cluster flat-topped, 1.6-13" diam, petals spreading. Fruits waxy blue-black.



BLUE GUM (Eucalyptus globulus) Naturalized Perennial - Myrtle Family - (Oct–Jan) - Common. Disturbed areas - Tree < 200' tall. Flowers single, large, gen stemless. Leaves 4-12" long, 1-1.6" wide; used medicinally by Aboriginals. INVASIVE weed.

Woody - White



CHAMISE (Adenostoma fasciculatum var. fasciculatum) Native Perennial - Rose Family -(May–Jun) - Dry slopes, ridges, chaparral - Shrub or small tree < 13' tall. Flowers cream to white. Leaves narrow, shiny with flammable oils in warm weather.



UTAH SERVICE-BERRY (Amelanchier utahensis) Native Perennial - Rose Family -(Apr-Jun) - Open, rocky slopes, canyons, banks of creeks, deserts, conifer forest - Shrub-small tree 2-16'. Leaves deciduous, toothed along outer half of blade.



CHRISTMAS BERRY / TOYON (Heteromeles arbutifolia) Native Perennial - Rose Family -((May)Jun-Aug) - Chaparral, oak woodland, mixed-evergreen forest - Shrub-tree < 33' tall, evergreen. Leaf 2-4" long. Petals white, < 0.16" long. Fruit bright red.



OCEANSPRAY (Holodiscus discolor var. discolor) Native Perennial - Rose Family -(May-Aug) - Moist woodland edges, rocky slopes - Shrub 5-20' tall. Leaf blade 0.6-3.1" long, toothed at end. Flower cluster 0.8-10" long. Petals white, ~0.07" long.



OSO BERRY (Oemleria cerasiformis) Native Perennial - Rose Family - (Feb–Apr) - Chaparral, canyons, streambanks, lowland wet to dry open woodland, coast to shaded conifer forest - Shrub 3-20'. Leaf 2-5" long. Flower cluster 1.2-4". Petals white, 0.12-0.24".



BITTER CHERRY (Prunus emarginata) Native Perennial - Rose Family - (Apr–Jun) - Rocky slopes, canyons, chaparral, mixed-evergreen, conifer forest - Shrub/tree < 50'. Leaf: stem 0.1-0.5", blade 0.6-2.4" long. Petals white, 0.12-0.3" long. Fruit red to purple.



HIMALAYAN BLACKBERRY (Rubus armeniacus) Naturalized Perennial - Rose Family - (Mar–Jun) - Common. Disturbed areas, roadsides - Shrub w/thorny 5-angled stem. Leaflets 3-5, white-hairy beneath. Blackberry-type fruit. INVASIVE.



THIMBLEBERRY (Rubus parviflorus) Native Perennial - Rose Family - (Mar–Aug) - Common; moist semi-shaded areas, esp edges of woodland - Shrub 0.5-2 m tall, not prickly. Petals 0.5-0.9" long, white. Leaves simple, 3-5 lobed. Raspberry-type fruit.

Woody - White



CALIFORNIA BLACKBERRY (Rubus ursinus) Native Perennial - Rose Family - (Mar–Jul) -Open, disturbed areas - Sterm round, bristly/prickly. Leaves simple to 3 leaflets, underside green. Plants unisexual. Petals 0.24-0.6" long, white. Blackberry-type fruit.



COAST SILK TASSEL (Garrya elliptica) Native Perennial - Silk Tassel Family - (Jan–Mar) -Seacliffs, sand dunes, chaparral, foothill-pine woodland - Shrub or small tree, < 26' tall. Leaves wavy-margined, underside hairs felt-like, interwoven. Fruit hairy.



CALIFORNIA BUCKEYE (Aesculus californica) Native Perennial - Soapberry Family - (May–Jun) - Dry slopes, canyons, borders of streams - Large shrub or tree 13-39' tall. 5-7 leaflets. Flowers white to pale rose. Large seeds toxic but edible after leaching out saponins.



COYOTE BRUSH (Baccharis pilularis subsp. consanguinea) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Jul-Dec) - Coastal bluffs, woodland, grassland, disturbed sites, occ on serpentine - Shrub < 15' tall, brittle, common. Leaves gen 0.6-1.6" long.



SHINYLEAF OREGON-GRAPE (Berberis pinnata subsp. pinnata) Native Perennial - Barberry Family - (Feb–May) - Rocky slopes, conifer forest, oak woodland, chaparral - Shrub gen < 7'. Leaflets w/15-23 spiny teeth, spines < 0.1" long. Flowers yellow.



HOLLYLEAF REDBERRY (Rhamnus illicifolia) Native Perennial - Buckthorn Family - (Mar–Jun) -Chaparral, montane forest - Shrub < 13' tall, evergreen w/stiff branches. Leaf blades 0.8-1.6" long, toothed. Fruits 0.2-0.3" wide, red.



CALIFORNIA WILD GRAPE (Vitis californica) Native Perennial - Grape Family - (May–Jun) -Streamsides, springs, canyons - Woody vine to 33'+long. Leaves deciduous, heart-shaped to kidney-shaped. Fruit purple when mature, gen > 0.3" wide.



CALIFORNIA BAY (Umbellularia californica) Native Perennial - Laurel Family - (Nov–May) -Common. Canyons, valleys, chaparral - Tree < 150' tall. Leaf 1.2-4", 0.6-1.2" wide, aromatic. Cluster of 5-10 small, yellow or yellow-green flowers. Fruit 0.8-1" diam.

Woody - Yellow



BUSH MONKEYFLOWER (Mimulus aurantiacus var. aurantiacus) Native Perennial - Lopseed Family - (Mar–Jun) - Disturbed areas, coastal Cliffs, canyon sides - Shrub 4-60". Flowers yellow, orange or red; 1-2.3" long; bract tube glabrous.



BIRCH-LEAF MOUNTAIN-MAHOGANY (Cercocarpus betuloides var. betuloides) Native Perennial - Rose Family - (Mar–May) - Dry, rocky slopes, chaparral - Shrub 3-10'. Leaf 0.4-1" long, end toothed. Flower 0.16-0.3" wide. Hairy fruit styles 2-3.5" long.



GOLDEN-YARROW (Eriophyllum confertiflorum var. confertiflorum) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Apr-Aug) - Many dry habitats -Shrubby, 8-28" tall. Leaves 0.4-2" long, deeply 3-5 lobed. Flowers yellow; rays 4-6, 0.08-0.2" long; head bracts 4-7.



ARROYO WILLOW (Salix lasiolepis) Native Perennial - Willow Family - (Jan–Jun) - Common. Shores, marshes, meadows, etc - Shrub-tree, bark smooth. Leaf-like stipules. Leaf egg-shaped, waxy below. Fruit smooth, bract persistent, dark, stamens 2.

