





# Wild Plants of Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park









# **Common Name Version**

## A Photographic Guide

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

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New Revised and Expanded Edition - Includes the latest scientific names, habitat descriptions and identification notes



# **Decimal Inches**



# **English Inches**

Notes:

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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.).

#### Revision: 3/2/2014 Fern-like - Green/Brown

### Wild Plants of Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park - Sorted by Form, Color and Family



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.



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.



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.

WESTERN LADY FERN (Athyrium filix-femina var. cyclosorum) Native Perennial - Cliff Fern Family - - - Woodland, along streams, seepage area - Leaves gen 12-39" long, broadest near middle, 1-2 divided, ultimate divisions rounded.



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.



MOSQUITO FERN (Azolla filiculoides) Native Perennial - Mosquito Fern Family - - - Common. Ponds, slow streams - Floating aquatic fern, green to red. Stem gen 0.4-1.2" long. Leaves oval, gen ~0.06" long by 0.04" wide. NITROGEN fixing.



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.



FLOWERING-QUILLWORT (Triglochin scilloides) Native Annual - Arrow-grass Family - (Mar–Oct) -Vernal pools, streams, ponds, lake margins -Emergent aquatic. Leaves 2-8", 0.04-0.2" wide, round to elliptic x-section. Flower cluster 6-20 cm long.



BROAD-LEAVED CATTAIL (Typha latifolia) Native Perennial - Cattail Family - (Jun-Jul) - Unpolluted to nutrient-rich freshwater (brackish) marshes - Plant 4.9-9.8' tall. Widest leaves 0.4-1.1" wide. Flower cluster with no gap between flower types.



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.



RATTLESNAKE GRASS (Briza maxima) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family - (Apr-Jul) - Shaded sites, roadsides, pastures, weedy on coastal dunes - Stem 8-35" tall. Spikelets O.4-0.75" long, resemble rattlesnake rattles. INVASIVE weed.



LITTLE QUAKING GRASS (Briza minor) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family - (Apr–Jul) -Shaded or moist, open sites - Stem 3-20" tall. Spikelets 0.1-0.2" long, resemble tiny rattlesnake rattles



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.



FOXTAIL CHESS (Bromus madritensis subsp. madritensis) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family - (Apr-Jan) - Disturbed areas, roadsides - Plants 4-20" tall. Stem and sheathes smooth. Flower cluster branches visible, lower spikelets erect, > stalk.



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.



CHEAT GRASS (Bromus tectorum) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family - (May-Aug) - Open, disturbed areas - Plant 2-16" tall. Flower cluster 2-9" long, open, 1-14 spikelets per branch. Spikelet 0.4-0.8". Lemma 0.35-0.5", awn 0.3-0.7". INVASIVE weed.



SMOOTH PAMPAS GRASS (Cortaderia selloana) Naturalized Perennial - Grass Family - (Sep-Mar) - Disturbed sites - Plant 6-13' tall. Leaf blades 0.1-0.5" wide, sheathes smooth. Cultivar, rarely escaped. 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.



CALIFORNIA OAT GRASS (Danthonia californica) Native Perennial - Grass Family - (Apr–Aug) - Gen moist meadows, open woodland - Stem 12-52" tall. Flower cluster 0.8-2.4" long. Spikelets 3-6, 0.5-1" long, awn 0.16-0.5" long.



ANNUAL HAIR GRASS (Deschampsia danthonioides) Native Annual - Grass Family - (Mar–Aug) - Moist to drying, open sites, meadows, streambanks, vernal pools, occ alkali soil - Stem 4.5-24" long. Lemmas 2, ~0.1", awns from below middle 0.1-0.4" & bent.



SLENDER HAIR GRASS (Deschampsia elongata) Native Perennial - Grass Family - (May–Sep) - Wet sites, meadows, lakeshores, shaded slopes - Densely clumped. Stem 4-28" long. Glumes =, 0.1-0.2". Lemmas 2, ~0.1", awns from middle 0.04-0.2" & straight.



SALT GRASS (Distichlis spicata) Native Perennial - Grass Family - (Apr-Sep) - Salt marshes, coastal dunes, moist, alkaline areas - Stem 4-20" long. Leaves 0.8-4" long, flat, stiff. Flower cluster 0.8-3" long, narrow. Spikelets straw-colored to purple, 2-20/group, 0.24-0.8" 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.



MEDUSA HEAD (Elymus caput-medusae) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family - (Apr-Jul) -Disturbed areas - Stem 8-28" long. Leaf blade 0.04-0.12" wide, inrolled. Flower cluster tight, dense. Glumes awn-like. Lower lemma's awn 1.2-4" long. NOXIOUS weed.



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.



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.



IDAHO FESCUE (Festuca idahoensis) Native Perennial - Grass Family - (Jul-Sep) - Dry, open or shady places - Stem 12-40" tall, gen densely clumped. Leaf sheath at least half open, smooth, persistent. Spikelet 0.3-0.7" long, florets 3-9, awn 0.04-0.24" 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.



HAIRY FESCUE (Festuca microstachys) Native Annual - Grass Family - (Apr-Jun) - Disturbed, open, gen sandy soils - Stem 6-29". Spikelet 0.2-0.4" long, awn 0.1-0.5" long. Glumes & lemma smooth or hairy.



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.



WESTERN MANNA GRASS (Glyceria occidentalis) Native Perennial - Grass Family -(Jun–Aug) - Freshwater marshes, ponds and steams - Stem 28-60" long, often forming floating mats. Leaf blade 8-12" long, 0.16-0.5" wide. Spikelet 0.6-0.8" long.



CALIFORNIA **BARLEY** (Hordeum brachyantherum subsp. californicum) Native Perennial - Grass Family - (Mar–Jul) - Meadows, pastures, streambanks - Stem 8-37" tall, gen slender. Leaf sheaths gen densly hairy, blade <= 4.5" long. Lemma awn < 0.3" long.



FOXTAIL BARLEY (Hordeum jubatum subsp. jubatum) Native Annual-Perennial - Grass Family - (May-Jul) - Roadsides, disturbed areas, meadows, marshes - Stem 8-32", densely tufted. Leaf blades to 6" long. Central lemma awn 1-3.5" 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.



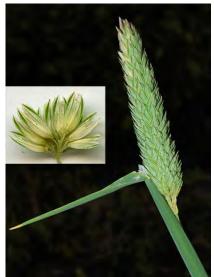
GOLDENTOP (Lamarckia aurea) Naturalized Annual - Grass Family - (Feb-May) - Open ground, moist seeps, rocky hillsides, sandy soil - Stem 2.8-16" long. Flower cluster golden-yellow to purple, dense, 1-sided, 0.8-3.1" long. Fertile flower awns ~0.25" long.



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.



BULBOUS BLUE GRASS (Poa bulbosa subsp. vivipara) Naturalized Perennial - Grass Family - (Mar–Jul) - Disturbed places - Plant 6-24" tall, densely tufted. Leaf blades 0.04-0.08" wide. Flower cluster 1-4" long. Spikelets replaced wtih leafy bulblets.



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.



DITCH BEARD GRASS (Polypogon interruptus)
Naturalized Perennial - Grass Family (May-Aug) - Common. Streambanks - Stem
20-35" tall, clumped. Leaf 0.2-7.7" long,
0.12-0.24" wide. Flower cluster 0.6-7" long.
Glume < 0.1" long, awn < 0.12" long.



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.



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.



SMILO GRASS (Stipa miliacea var. miliacea) Naturalized Perennial - Grass Family - (Mar-Sep) Salt marshes, streambanks, chaparral, open woodland, disturbed - Stems green, large tufts, sheaths lt. Inflor arching. INVASIVE weed.



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.



BALTIC RUSH (Juncus balticus subsp. ater) Native Perennial - Rush Family - (Jul-Nov) -Moist to ± dry sites - Stem 14-43" tall, round, not twisted. No leaf blade. Flowers generally 0.1-0.2"



TOAD RUSH (Juncus bufonius var. bufonius) Native Annual - Rush Family - (May–Sep) - Damp sunny ground, gen disturbed - Stem gen 1-4" tall, gen brached from base, ~0.04" wide. Flower cluster open. Flowers 0.16-0.3" long.



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.



TORRENT SEDGE (Carex nudata) Native Perennial - Sedge Family - (Apr—Jul) - Rocky or sandy streambeds below high-water mark - Stem 12-28" long, in large, raised, dense clumps. Side spikelets 0.6-2.4" long. Fruit green, purple-sploched on upper 2/3.



TALL NUTSEDGE (Cyperus eragrostis) Native Perennial - Sedge Family - (May–Nov) - Vernal pools, streambanks - Leaves basal. Flower cluster bracts 4-8. Spikelets 0.2-0.8" long, oblong, in heads to 1.6" wide. Seeds short-stalked.



COMMON SPIKERUSH (Eleocharis macrostachya) Native Perennial - Sedge Family - (Spring–summer) - Common. Fresh to brackish wetland - Stem 8-39" tall, 0.06-0.1" wide. Spikelet 0.2-1.6" long, 0.08-0.2" wide, style 2-branched.



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.



FIESTA FLOWER (Pholistoma auritum var. auritum) Native Annual - Borage Family - (Mar–Jun) - Ocean bluffs, talus slopes, woodland, streambanks, canyons - Stem 8-47" tall. Leaf lobes 7-13. Flowers 0.3-0.6" long, 0.4-1.2" wide, purple, with bractlets.

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.



COMMON OWL'S-CLOVER (Castilleja densiflora subsp. densiflora) Native Annual - Broom-rape Family - (Mar–May) - Grassland - Plant 4-16" tall. Leaves 0.8-3.1" long, narrow-lobed. Flower cluster gen rose-purple. Flower upper lip straight.



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



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.



COAST LARKSPUR (Delphinium decorum subsp. decorum) Native Perennial - Buttercup Family - (Mar–May) - Open coastal grassland, chaparral - Stems 3-14" tall. Leaves short-hairy under, with few-toothed lobes. Flowers few, dark blue-purple.



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.



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.



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.



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.



SMALL CLARKIA (Clarkia affinis) Native Annual - Evening Primrose Family - (May–Jun) - Openings in woodland, chaparral - Stem < 32". Buds erect, ovary 8-grooved, sepals united on side. Petals 0.2-0.6" long, pale pink to dark wine-red, often purple-flecked.



SANTA CLARA RED RIBBONS (Clarkia concinna subsp. automixa) Native Annual - Evening Primrose Family - (Apr-Jun) - Woodland - Stem < 16". Petals bright pink, 0.4-0.8" long, ~2x width, w/prominent lobes. Stigma = anthers. CNPS: WATCH LIST.



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.



COMMON WILLOWHERB (Epilobium ciliatum subsp. ciliatum) Native Perennial - Evening Primrose Family - (Jun-Oct) - Common. Disturbed places, moist meadows, streambanks, roadsides - Plant 20-48" tall, smooth or short-hairy. Petals 2-6 mm, white to pink.



NARROW-LEAF FLAX (Linum bienne) Naturalized Perennial - Flax Family - (Mar–Jun) -Garden escape; grassland, woodland, disturbed places, esp coastal - Plant 2.4-24" tall. Petals light blue, 0.24-0.4" long. Fruit 0.16-0.24" wide. Garden escape.



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.



HERB ROBERT (Geranium robertianum) Naturalized Annual-Biennial - Geranium Family -(Apr–Sep) - Open to shaded sites - Stem 4-20" long. Leaflets in 3s, deeply lobed. Petals pink to red-purple, 0.4-0.55" long.



SOUTH AFRICAN ROMULEA (Romulea rosea var. australis) Naturalized Perennial - Iris Family - (Mar-Apr) - Uncommon. Disturbed areas, dry, sandy or often hard-packed soil - Plant gen < 4" tall. Leaves 2-14" long. Flower pink w/yellow tube, 0.6-0.8" long.



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.



GRASS-POLY (Lythrum hyssopifolia) Naturalized Annual-Perennial - Loosestrife Family - (Apr-Oct) - Marshes, drying pond margins, disturbed ground - Stem 4-24". Leaves 0.2-1.2" long, elliptical. Petals pink, 0.1-0.2" long. 2 awl-like appendages. INVASIVE weed.



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.



BULL MALLOW (Malva nicaeensis) Naturalized Annual - Mallow Family - (Mar–Jun) - Disturbed places - Stem 0.7-2'. Leaf blade 1.2-4.7" wide, 5-7 shallow lobes. Bractlets egg-shaped,0.16-0.2" long. Petals pink to blue-violet, 0.2-0.5" long.



COMMON CHECKERBLOOM (Sidalcea malviflora subsp. malviflora) Native Perennial - Mallow Family - (Mar-Jul) - Coastal prairie, scrub, open forest - Plant 6-24" tall. Middle leaves not linear-lobed. Petals 0.4-1" long, pink to rose, gen white veined.



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.



CLASPING HENBIT (Lamium amplexicaule) Naturalized Annual-Biennial - Mint Family - (Apr–Sep) - Disturbed sites, cult or abandoned fields - Stem 4-16" long. Leaf blades 0.4-1" long, upper stalkless. Flowers red-purple, gen 0.4-0.7" long.



PENNYROYAL (Mentha pulegium) Naturalized Perennial - Mint Family - (Jul-Oct) - Moist places, fields - Stem 4-12" tall, short-hairy. Leaves 0.2-1" long, upper stalkless. Flowers 0.2-0.3" long, violet to lavender. Aromatic. INVASIVE weed.



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.



CHIA (Salvia columbariae) Native Annual - Mint Family - (Mar–Jun) - Dry, disturbed sites, chaparral, coastal-sage scrub - Plant 4-20" tall. Leaf 0.8-4" long, many 2x divided. Flower cluster head-like, 1-2 on bare stem. Flowers blue, tubes 6-8 mm long.



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.



VINEGAR WEED (Trichostema lanceolatum) Native Annual - Mint Family - (Jun-Nov) - Dry, open, gen disturbed habitats - Plant < 39" tall. Leaf blades 0.8-2.8" long, leaf stalk, ~ stalkless. Flowers purple-blue, tube 0.2-0.4" long, curving up. Vinegar scent.



MONEY PLANT (Lunaria annua) Naturalized Annual - Mustard Family - (Apr—Jun) - Disturbed areas - Stem 16-39" tall. Leaves heart-shaped. Petals 0.7-1" long, purple to lavender (white). Fruits oblong-round, 1.2-2" long. Escaped cultivar.



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.



BRISTLY JEWEL FLOWER (Streptanthus glandulosus subsp. glandulosus) Native Annual - Mustard Family - (Apr-Jul) - Serpentine, bare slopes, chaparral & woodland openings - Flower lavender or purple-brown.



STARFLOWER (Trientalis latifolia) Native Perennial - Myrsine Family - (Apr–Jul) - Shaded places, esp woodland - Stem 2-12". Leaves 1-3.5" long, 0.4-2" wide, egg-shaped; stem leaves in 1 whorl near stem tip. Flower gen pink to rose, 0.3-0.6" wide.



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.



SPANISH CLOVER (Acmispon americanus var. americanus) Native Annual - Pea Family - (May-Oct) - Coast, chaparral, waterways, roadsides, disturbed areas - Plant 2-24", hairy. Flowers white to pink, solitary, bract lobes >> flower tube.



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.



CHICK LUPINE (Lupinus microcarpus var. microcarpus) Native Annual - Pea Family - (Mar–Jun) - Abundant. Open or disturbed areas, occ seeded on roadbanks - Plant 4-32", hairy. Leaves smooth above. Flowers gen pink to purple. Flower bracts shaggy.



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.



NARROW-LEAVED CLOVER (Trifolium angustifolium) Naturalized Annual - Pea Family - (Late spring) - Disturbed areas - Hairy. Leaflets 0.8-1.8" long, 3-8x width. Flower cluster 1-5 cm long, cylindric. Flowers pale pink, 10-12 mm long, = bract length.



BEARDED CLOVER (Trifolium barbigerum) Native Perennial - Pea Family - (Apr-Jun) - Wet meadows, open, disturbed areas - Leaflets 0.6-1" long. Head 0.2-1" wide, gen bristly. Flowers pink-purple, 0.2-0.4" long.



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 чераиретацип 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.



CLUSTERED CLOVER (Trifolium glomeratum) Naturalized Annual - Pea Family - (Mar–May) -Uncommon. Disturbed areas - Leaflets 0.2-0.5" long. Head 0.28-0.4" wide. Flowers pink, 0.16-0.24" long. Bracts triangular-lobed, curl back in fruit.



PINPOINT CLOVER (Trifolium gracilentum) Native Annual - Pea Family - (Mar–Jun) - Open, disturbed places, occas serpentine - Leaflet tips not deep-notched. Reflexed pink-purple flowers w/point. Flower bracts completely smooth.



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 -(Trifolium (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, 0.4-0.55" long. Lower bract lobes 0.04-0.1" long.



MANY-STEM CALIFORNIA GILIA (Gilia achilleifolia subsp. multicaulis) Native Annual - Phlox Family - (Feb–Jun) - Open or shaded, gen grassy places, sandy or rocky soil - Leaves linear-lobed. Flowers white to lavender, 0.2-0.4" long, not in heads.



BIRD'S-EYE GILIA (Gilia tricolor subsp. tricolor) Native Annual - Phlox Family - (Mar–May) -Open, grassland, hills, valleys - Stem 3-15" tall, many branched. Flowers not in heads. Petals 0.4-0.75" long, throat yellow w/purple spots merged into ring.



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".



WIRY SNAPDRAGON (Antirrhinum vexillocalyculatum subsp. vexillocalyculatum) Native Annual - Plantain Family - (Jun-Aug) - Disturbed areas - Stem 3-67" long, often clinging to other plants. Flowers lavender, 0.4-0.7" long.



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.



BLUE-EYED MARY (Collinsia parviflora) Native Annual - Plantain Family - (Mar–Jul) - Common. Moist, ± shady places, montane - Plant 1-16" tall. Flowers 0.16-0.3" long; tube, throat and upper lip white; lobes gen blue; hidden in upper leaves.



FEW-FLOWERED COLLINSIA (Collinsia sparsiflora var. collina) Native Annual - Plantain Family - (Mar–Apr) - Disturbed grassy fields, roadbanks, open chaparral, open oak and dry mixed woodland - Flowers 0.2-0.3" long, purple, pouch hidden by calyx.



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.



PADRE SHOOTING STAR (Dodecatheon clevelandii subsp. patulum) Native Perennial - Primrose Family - (Mar–May) - Moist places, often on serpentine or in ± alkaline sites - Leaf blade length >2x width. Flowers often white. Filiment tube wliight spots below anthers.

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.



CHICORY (Cichorium intybus) Naturalized Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Apr-Oct) - Common. Roadsides, disturbed places - Plants 16-78" tall. Stems leafless. Leaves dandelion-like. Flowers pale blue, 0.8-1.6" wide. Roots roasted as coffee substitute.



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.



WEEDY CUDWEED (Pseudognaphalium luteoalbum) Naturalized Annual - Sunflower Family - (Apr–Aug) - Disturbed sites, fields, streambeds - Heads 0.12-0.16" long, yellowish, female flowers < 0.08" long, pappus bristles connected.



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



TWIGGY WREATH PLANT (Stephanomeria virgata subsp. pleurocarpa) Native Annual - Sunflower Family - (Jun-Nov) - Chaparral openings, grassland - Plant 20-79". Stem leaves oblong, bract-like. Flower bracts not spreading. Flowers 5-6, white to dark pink.



COMMON CALIFORNIA WILD ASTER (Symphyotrichum chilense) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Jun-Oct) - Grassland, salt marshes, disturbed places - Plant 16-39", partly hairy. Leaf 1.6-6", 0.2-1.2" wide. Rays violet, 0.3-0.5" long.



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.



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.



GREEN DOCK (Rumex conglomeratus)
Naturalized Perennial - Buckwheat Family (May-Aug) - Common. Moist places - Stem
12-32" tall, unbranched below. Flower cluster
open. Fruit valves ~0.1" long, scarcely winged
around the 3 tubercles, smooth edged.



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.



RUSSIAN THISTLE (Salsola tragus) Naturalized Annual-Perennial - Goosefoot Family - (Jul-Oct) - Common. Disturbed places - Plant < 5' tall. Stem gen red-striped, widely branched. Leaves succulent, 0.3-2" long, upper spine-tipped. NOXIOUS.



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.



PHLOX-LEAF SERPENTINE BEDSTRAW (Galium andrewsii subsp. gatense) Native Perennial - Madder Family - (Apr-Jun) - Dry, rocky places in serpentine soil, chaparral or open oak/pine woodland - Plant open. Stem 2-9". Leaf gen flat, > internode. Phlox-like.



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, grayish, covered with stinging hairs.



DWARF NETTLE (Urtica urens) Naturalized Annual - Nettle Family - (Jan-Jun) - Disturbed areas, stream banks, shaded areas in grassland, oak woodland, chaparral, coastal-sage scrub, riparian woodland - Leaf teeth sharp. Petals 2 large, 2 small, free to base.



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.



PETTY SPURGE (Euphorbia peplus) Naturalized Annual - Spurge Family - (Feb-Aug) - Common. Disturbed areas - Stem 4-18" cm tall, smooth. Leaves 0.4-1.4" long, entire. Gland crescent-shaped. Seeds dotted. Fruit 2-keeled on angles.



WART SPURGE (Euphorbia spathulata) Native Annual - Spurge Family - (Mar–Jun) - Open, gen disturbed places - Stem 6-17" tall, smooth. Leaves spoon-shaped, 0.4-1.2" long, finely toothed. Gland oblong.



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.



COCKLEBUR (Xanthium strumarium) Native Annual - Sunflower Family - (Jul-Oct) -Disturbed, seasonally wet, often alkaline sites, in grassland, marshes, watercourses - Plant 4-32" tall. Stem spineless. Bur 0.4-1.2"+ 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.



COMMON INDIAN PAINTBRUSH (Castilleja affinis subsp. affinis) Native Perennial - Broom-rape Family - (Mar–Jun) - Chaparral, coastal scrub - Plants 6-24" tall, gen bristly, non-sticky. Leaves 1-3", lance-shaped, 0-5 lobes. Flower cluster open, red to orange-red.



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).



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.



CRIMSON COLUMBINE (Aquilegia formosa) Native Perennial - Buttercup Family - (Apr–Sep) - Streambanks, seeps, moist places, chaparral, oak woodland, mixed-evergreen or conifer forests - Flowers about 2" long, yellow with red sepals & spurs.



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.



CRIMSON CLOVER (Trifolium incarnatum) Naturalized Annual - Pea Family - (May–Aug) - Uncommon. Disturbed areas - Hairy. Leaflets 0.6-0.8" long, wedge-shaped. Flower cluster 0.8-2.4" long, cylindrical. Flowers crimson or white, 0.4-0.6" long.



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.



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.



VENUS THISTLE (Cirsium occidentale var. venustum) Native Biennial - Sunflower Family - (May-Jul) - Disturbed areas, grassland, woodland - Plant 1.6-9.8' tall. Head bract cluster 0.6-2" tall, 0.6-3" diam. Flowers gen bright red-pink to red, 0.9-1.4" long.



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.



BRISTLY PHACELIA (Phacelia nemoralis subsp. nemoralis) Native Biennial-Perennial - Borage Family - (Apr-Jul) - Moist slopes, streambanks, mixed-evergreen forest - Short-lived. Upper leaves egg-shaped, lower divided. Flowers green-white, 0.16-0.2".



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.



VALLEY TASSELS (Castilleja attenuata) Native Annual - Broom-rape Family - (Mar–May) - Grassland - Plant 4-20" tall, hairy, non-sticky. Leaves 0.8-3.1" long, narrow, 0-3 lobes. Flower cluster 1-12" long, narrow, tips white or pale yellow.



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.



THREAD-LEAF WATER BUTTERCUP (Ranunculus aquatilis var. diffusus) Native Perennial - Buttercup Family - (Mar–Sep) - Ponds, lakes, streams - Leaf w/slender stem, leaf segments thread-like. Petals 0.16-0.28" long, white.



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



RATTLESNAKE WEED (Daucus pusillus) Native Annual - Carrot Family - (Apr–Jun) - Rocky or sandy places - Plant 1-35" tall, usually < 20". Flower clusters with < 13 flowers, all white. Young roots edible. Sap TOXIC to some people, causing dermittis.



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 dermatitie



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.



DENSE-FLOWER WILLOWHERB (Epilobium densiflorum) Native Annual - Evening Primrose Family - (May–Oct) - Streambanks, outwashes, seasonal moist flats - Plant 2-60" tall, soft-hairy. Petals 0.1-0.4", rose-purple to white. Fruit not tapered.



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.



COAST MAN-ROOT (Marah oregana) Native Perennial - Gourd Family - (Mar–May) - Shrubby or open areas, forest edges - Vine 3-20' long. Leaves deeply lobed. Flowers white, deep cup-shaped, > 0.3" wide. Fruit smooth at end.



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.



WHITE BUTTERFLY MARIPOSA LILY (Calochortus venustus) Native Perennial - Lily Family - (May–Jul) - Sandy (often granitic) soil in grassland, woodland, yellow-pine forest - Flowers white w/square 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 MINER'S LETTUCE (Claytonia perfoliata subsp. perfoliata) Native Annual - Miner's Lettuce Family - (Jan-May) - Vernally moist, often shady or disturbed sites - Basal leaf length <3x width. Stem leaf gen not angled. Seeds shiny w/large 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.



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 oligosperina i Native Amidai - Mustatu 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"



LESSER SWINE CRESS (Lepidium didymum) Naturalized Annual - Mustard Family - (Mar-Jul) -Common. Disturbed areas, fields, pastures - Stem 4-18" tall. Petals white, ~0.02" long. Fruit wrinkled, style < notch.



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 -(Lepidium stricturi) Naturalized Afridai - Mustard Farilly - (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.



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.



GULLY LUPINE (Lupinus microcarpus var. densiflorus) Native Annual - Pea Family - (Apr—Jun) - Abundant. Open or disturbed areas, occ seeded on roadbanks - Plant 4-32" tall, hairy. Flowers 0.3-0.7" long, white to yellow. Flower bract hairs few, short.



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.



THIMBLE CLOVER (Trifolium microdon) Native Annual - Pea Family - (Mar–Jun) - Common locally. Open, moist or dry, gen disturbed areas - Short-hairy. Head bract w/flat base. Flowers white to pink. Calyx lobes < 1/2 flower tube length, < flowers.



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.



BICOLOR LEPTOSIPHON (Leptosiphon bicolor) Native Annual - Phlox Family - (Mar–Jun) - Common. Open, grassy areas, chaparral, woodland - Plant 0.8-8.3" tall, hairy. Flower lobes ~0.1" long, pink or white; tube red; stigma <=0.02" long.



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.



CALIFORNIA MECONELLA (Meconella californica) Native Annual - Poppy Family - (Mar–May) - Open, rocky areas - Plant 1.2-8" tall. Leaves 0.1-1" long, basal & on stem. Petals white, 0.08-0.28" long. Stamens 6-16 in 2 series.



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 strawberry.



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.



FRINGE CUPS (Tellima grandiflora) Native Perennial - Saxifrage Family - (Apr–Jul) - Moist slopes - Plan 16-39" tall, hairy. Flower cluster unbranched. Petals green-white to rose or red, 0.12-0.28" long, falling early. Stamens 10. Hypanthium bell-shaped.



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.



MARSH BACCHARIS (Baccharis glutinosa) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Jul-Oct) -Coastal freshwater and saltwater marshes, streambanks - Plant herbaceous, sticky, 3-6' tall. Leaf blades lance-shaped, < 5" long, 0.5-1.2"



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.



HORSEWEED (Erigeron canadensis) Naturalized Annual - Sunflower Family - (All year) - Disturbed places - Plant 8-79" tall. Gen 1 main stem branching above. Disk flowers yellow; rays white or pink, <= 0.04" long. Head bracts 0.12-0.16" tall,0.08-0.12" wide.



HAYFIELD TARWEED (Hemizonia congesta subsp. luzulifolia) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Mar–Dec) - Disturbed, open, or grassy sites, often clayey soils, serpentine - Plant 2-32" tall. Flowers white, rays 0.2-0.5" long; head bract tips < body.



WHITE HAWKWEED (Hieracium albiflorum) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (May–Sep) - Forest - Stem 8-47" tall, densely long-hairy. Leaves mostly at base, 3-6" long, not lobed. Flower cluster widely branched, heads few-haired. Rays white. Milky sap.



COTTONWEED (Micropus californicus var. californicus) Native Annual - Sunflower Family - (Mar–Jun) - Clearings, often disturbed, dry or seasonally moist soils - Plant 0.4-20" tall. Disk flowers < 5; top scale points up, largest gen 0.12-0.16" long.



CALIFORNIA
(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.



CALIFORNIA CHICORY (Rafinesquia californica) Native Annual - Sunflower Family - (Apr–Jul) - Open sites in scrub, woodland; often common after fire - Stem 2-15+ dm. Flower heads 0.8-1.2" wide, solitary. Rays white or cream, extend 0.2-0.3" beyond bracts.



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.



LEMON VERBENA (Phyla nodiflora) Native Perennial - Vervain Family - (May–Nov) - Wet places, pond margins - Mat-like. Leaf blade 0.2-1.2" long, < 0.4" wide, 5-11 teeth. Flowers white to red. Flower stem 0.6-3.5" tall. Ornamental.



SMALL-FLOWERED FIDDLENECK (Amsinckia menziesii) Native Annual - Borage Family - (May-Jul) - Shade-tolerant, open, disturbed areas at forest/woodland edges - Flowers yellow to orange-yellow, generally spotted, 0.2-0.3" long, 0.1" wide. Leaves coarse-hairy.



YELLOW JOHNNY-TUCK (Triphysaria eriantha subsp. eriantha) Native Annual - Broom-rape Family - (Mar–May) - Grassland, foothills - Plant 4-14" tall, purple. Leaves 0.4-2" long, 3-7 lobed. Flowers yellow with dark purple beak, 0.4-1" long.



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.



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.



PUNCTURE VINE (Tribulus terrestris) Naturalized Annual - Caltrop Family - (Apr-Oct) -Dry, disturbed areas incl roadsides, railways, vacant lots - Sprawling. Leaflets 6-12. Flowers yellow, < 0.2" wide. Fruits star-like, spines 0.16-0.28" long. NOXIOUS.



FENNEL (Foeniculum vulgare) Naturalized Perennial - Carrot Family - (May–Sep) - Roadsides, disturbed sites - Plants 3-6.5' tall, anise-scented. Stems waxy-blue, canelike. Flowers yellow. Leaf segments thread-like, edible when young. INVASIVE weed.



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.

## Wild Plants of Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park - Sorted by Form, Color and Family



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POISON SANICLE (Sanicula bipinnata) Native Perennial - Carrot Family - (Apr-May) - Open grassland or pine/oak woodland - Plants 5-24" tall. Leaves 2x pinnate. Flowers yellow, male flower stalk < fruit. Reported to be slightly TOXIC.



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.



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.



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,



ERECT-POD WINTER CRESS (Barbarea orthoceras) Native Perennial - Mustard Family - (Mar–Jul) - Meadows, streambanks, moist woodland, grassland - Stem 8-24". Lower leaves wlarge 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.

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TURNIP (Brassica rapa) Naturalized Annual - Mustard Family - (Jan-May) - Disturbed areas - Stem 8-40" tall. Leaves clasping, upper smooth-edged & waxy. Petals yellow, 0.2-0.4" long, stalk 0.3-1"; fruit beak > 0.4". INVASIVE weed.



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.



CREEPING WOOD SORREL (Oxalis corniculata) Naturalized Perennial - Oxalis Family - (Most of Year) - Disturbed areas - Plant < 20" tall, rooting at nodes. Leaflets < 0.8" long, in 3s. Petals yellow, < 8 mm long. Fruit 0.24-1" long. Possibly TOXIC to sheep.



BERMUDA BUTTERCUP (Oxalis pes-caprae)
Naturalized Perennial - Oxalis Family (Jan-May) - Disturbed areas, roadsides,
grassland, dunes - Flowering stem < 12" tall.
Leaflets in 3s, < 1.4" long. Petals yellow, < 1"
long. Ornamental. INVASIVE weed.



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.



BIRD'S-FOOT TREFOIL (Lotus corniculatus) Naturalized Perennial - Pea Family - (Jun-Sep) - Open, disturbed areas - Leaflets 5, 0.16-0.9" long. Flower cluster 3-7 flowered on0.6-4.7" stalk. Flowers bright yellow, 0.4-0.55" long, banner often reddish.



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.



SOURCLOVER (Melilotus indicus) Naturalized Annual-Biennial - Pea Family - (Apr-Oct) - Open, disturbed areas - Stem 4-24" long. Leaflets 3, 0.4-1" long. Flowers yellow, ~0.1" long.



HOP CLOVER (Trifolium campestre) Naturalized Annual - Pea Family - (Apr-May) - Disturbed areas, roadsides - Flower heads 0.3-0.5" wide, bright yellow, brown w/age, quickly reflexing. Flowers with lengthwise ridges.



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.



BRISTLY LEPTOSIPHON (Leptosiphon acicularis) Native Annual - Phlox Family - (Apr–May) - Grassy areas, woodland, chaparral - Plant 1-6" tall, hairy. Leaf lobes 0.1-0.4", needle-like. Flowers yellow. CNPS: FAIRLY ENDANGERED.

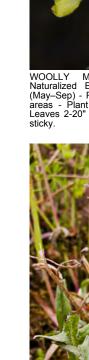


SHARP POINT FLUVELLIN (Kickxia elatine) Naturalized Annual - Plantain Family - (Apr–Oct) -Disturbed, open places - Plant low, sticky-hairy. Some or all leaves arrow-shaped. Flowers yellow or blue, with violet upper lip; 0.3-0.6" long.



PURSLANE (Portulaca oleracea) Naturalized Perennial - Purslane Family - (Late spring-early fall) - Disturbed soil - Stem 1.2-16" long, spreading. Leaves 0.12-1.2" long, spoon-shaped, flat. Flowers solitary. Petals yellow, 4-6, 0.12-0.2" long.





SEASIDE DANDELION (Agoseris apargioides var. apargioides) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Apr-May) - Coastal dunes, sand hills - Plant 4-18". Leaf blades narrow, deeply lobed. Flowers extend well beyond bracts, seed beak < 2x body length.



WOOLLY MULLEIN (Verbascum thapsus Naturalized Biennial - Snapdragon Family thapsus) (May-Sep) - Roadsides, streambanks, disturbed areas - Plant woolly It-green. Stem 1-6.6' tall. Leaves 2-20" long. Flowers yellow, 0.6-1" wide,



GIANT NATIVE DANDELION (Agoseris grandiflora var. grandiflora) Native Perennial -(Agoseris 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.



**BROADLEAF STONECROP** (Sedum spathulifolium) Native Perennial - Stonecrop Family - (Apr-Aug) - Outcrops, often in shade - Plant mat-forming. Basal leaves spoon-shaped, forming persistent rosettes. Petals ~0.3" long, yellow.



ANNUAL NATIVE DANDELION (Agoseris heterophylla var. cryptopleura) Native Annual - Sunflower Family - (May-Jun) - Many open habitats - Leaf lobes gen 3-5 pair. Flower stem > 2x leaf length. Ray flowers 0.4-0.6" long, much exceeding bracts.



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.



GLUE-SEED (Blennosperma nanum var. nanum) Native Annual - Sunflower Family - (Jan-May) -Open, grassy areas, often margins of seeps or vernal pools - Plant 1.2-5"+, succulent, branched. Leaf 1.2-2.4"+ long, 5-15 lobed. Flower bracts purple-tipped w/tuft of hairs.

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.



FITCH SPIKEWEED (Centromadia fitchii) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (May–Nov) - Grassland, ± alkaline flats, vernal pools, woodland, disturbed sites, serpentine - Plant 2-20" tall. Leaves below flowers spiny, sticky.



CONGDON'S TARPLANT (Centromadia parryi subsp. congdonii) Native Annual - Sunflower Family - (Jun-Oct) - Terraces, swales, floodplains, grassland, disturbed sites - Main plant not sticky or short-hairy. Spiny. CNPS: ENDANGERED.



DANDELION-LEAF HAWKSBEARD (Crepis vesicaria subsp. taraxacifolia) Naturalized Annual-Biennial - Sunflower Family - (Feb—Oct) - Sandy clearings, hillsides, disturbed places - Plant 1-47" tall. Leaves dandelion-like. Fruit beak 0.1-0.2" long.



WESTERN GOLDENROD (Euthamia occidentalis) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Jul-Nov) - Marshes, streambanks, meadows - Stem < 6.6', smooth. Leaves < 4" long, <= 0.24" wide, w/dark glandular pits. Flowers yellow, rays 0.06-0.1" long.



GREAT VALLEY GUMPLANT (Grindelia camporum) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (May-Nov) - Sandy or saline bottomland, roadsides - Stem non-woody, 2-8' tall, whitish. Leaves gen resinous. Head to 1.2" wide, bracts bend downward.



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.



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.



HEERMANN TARPLANT (Holocarpha heermannii) Native Annual - Sunflower Family - (May–Nov) - Grassland - Plant 0.2-1.2 m tall, densely very-short-hairy, glandular. Ray flowers 3-13, yellow. Disk flowers yellow to brown. Yellow anthers.



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.



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"



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



SIERRA FOOTHILL SILVERPUFFS (Microseris acuminata) Native Annual - Sunflower Family - (Apr-Jun) - Grassy, open rocky or clay soil - Plant 2-14". Leaves 1-8" long, basal, linear-lobed. Rays 5-50, yellow. Pappus scale > 0.2" long, no notch.



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.



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.



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.



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.



FALSE HAWKBIT (Urospermum picroides) Naturalized Annual-Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Apr-Jul) - Uncommon. Disturbed places - Stem 4-16"+ tall, long-hairy. Leaves clasping the stem. Flowers yellow. Style base swollen as thick as the seed.



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.



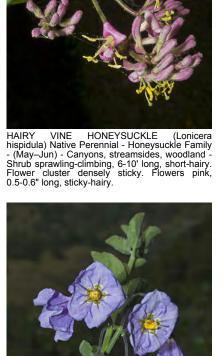
NARROW-LEAVED MULE'S EARS (Wyethia angustifolia) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Apr-Aug) - Grassland - Plant 4-35" tall, rough-hairy. Leaves narrow, veins all similar, base blades 4-20" long. Ray flowers 0.6-1.8" long.



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.



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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.



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.



BUSH LUPINE (Lupinus albifrons var. albifrons) Native Perennial - Pea Family - (Mar–Jun) -Common. Chaparral, foothill woodland - Shrub 2-16' tall, gen distinct trunk, green to silvery. Flowers 0.35-0.6' long, purple, banner back hairy, keel top ciliate mid to tip.



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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.



BAY AREA SILVER LUPINE (Lupinus albifrons var. collinus) Native Perennial - Pea Family - (Mar–Jun) - Cliffs, forest openings - Subshrub 8-16" tall, woody only at base, silvery. Flowers 0.35-0.6" long, violet to lavender.



BLACK SAGE (Salvia mellifera) Native Perennial bLACK SAGE (Salvia Mellileta) Native Peterlinia - 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.



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.



WOOD ROSE (Rosa gymnocarpa var. gymnocarpa) Native Perennial - Rose Family gyninocalpa) reduce Peterinial - Rose Family - ((Feb)Apr–Jul) - Common. Gen in shade of forest, scrub - Shrub wistraight 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 subsp. californica) Native Peternial - 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.



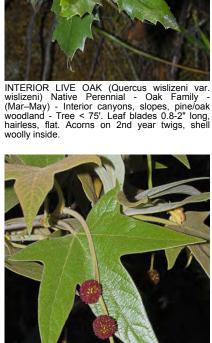
CALIFORNIA BLACK OAK (Quercus kelloggii) Native Perennial - Oak Family - (Apr-May) -Slopes, valleys, woodland, conifer forest - Tree < 80', deciduous. Leaves 3.5-8" long, supple, deeply-lobed, lobes bristle-tipped.



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.



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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.



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.



VIRGIN'S BOWER (Clematis ligusticifolia) Native Perennial - Buttercup Family - (Jun-Sep) - Along streams, wet places - Leaflets 5-15, irregularly lobed. Flowers many, in fall. Sepals white to cream, 0.2-0.24" long.



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.



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.



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.



STRAGGLE GOOSEBERRY (Ribes divaricatum var. pubiflorum) Native Perennial - Gooseberry Family - (Mar-May) - Uncommon. Coastal bluffs, forest edges - Shrub < 10' tall. Petals 0.04-0.08" long, white. Styles 0.2-0.3" long, hairy at base. Bracts purplish.



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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.



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



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".



PACIFIC NINEBARK (Physocarpus capitatus) Native Perennial - Rose Family - (May-Jul) -Moist banks, n-facing slopes, mixed-conifer forest - Shrub 3.3-8'. Leaf blades gen < 4" wide, 3-5 lobed. Petals white, ~0.1" long. Fruits reddish, 0.3-0.4" long.



ALMOND (Prunus dulcis) Naturalized Perennial -Rose Family - (Feb-Mar) - Canyons, roadsides, grassland (as waif) - Tree 16-26' tall. Leaf blades 1-4" long, Flowers 1-3/cluster. Petals pink to nearly white, 0.5-1" long, Fruit 1-1.6" long, hairy. Cultivar.



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.



SIERRA PLUM (Prunus subcordata) Native Perennial - Rose Family - (Mar–May) - Mixed-evergreen or conifer forest - Shrub < 10'. Leaf: stem 0.16-0.6", blade 1-2", elliptic to wide egg-shaped, base round heart-shaped, tip round. Petals 0.2-0.4" long, white.



WESTERN CHOKE CHERRY (Prunus virginiana var. demissa) Native Perennial - Rose Family - (May–Jun) - Rocky slopes, canyons, scrubland, oak/pine woodland - Shrub/tree < 20'. Leaf blade 1.2-4" long. Flowers 18+, petals white, 0.16-0.3"



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.



CALIFORNIA BLACKBERRY (Rubus ursinus) Native Perennial - Rose Family - (Mar–Jul) - Open, disturbed areas - Stem 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 ilicifolia) 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.

Wild Plants of Pleasanton Ridge Regional Park - Sorted by Form, Color and Family

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.



BLACKWOOD ACACIA (Acacia melanoxylon) Naturalized Perennial - Pea Family - (Feb-Mar) -Uncommon. Disturbed areas - Tree < 100' tall. Leaves simple, 0.2-1.2" wide, 3-5 main veins. Flowers pale yellow, 2-8 per head. INVASIVE weed.



FRENCH BROOM (Genista monspessulana) Naturalized Perennial - Pea Family - (Mar–Jun) - Common. Disturbed places. - Shrub < 10' tall, evergreen. Stems 8-10 ridged, leafy. Flowers yellow, 4-10 at branch tips, banner 0.4-0.6" long. NOXIOUS.



YELLOW BUSH LUPINE (Lupinus arboreus) Native Perennial - Pea Family - (Apr—Jul) - Coastal bluffs, dunes, or more inland - Shrub < 8' tall. Flowers yellow (purple), 0.55-0.7" long, banner back smooth, upper keel ciliate claw to tip. INVASIVE weed.



INTERIOR GOLDENBUSH (Ericameria linearifolia) Native Perennial - Sunflower Family - (Mar–May) - Dry slopes, valleys, foothill and desert woodland, saltbush and creosote-bush scrub - Shrub/subshrub, 16-60". Heads large, yellow, solitary; rays 0.3-0.8" 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.



HINDS' WILLOW (Salix exigua var. hindsiana) Native Perennial - Willow Family - (Apr-May) -Common. Floodplains, sandy gravel - Shrub or tree < 17' tall. Leaf blades 1.2-6" long, linear, mature dense soft-hairy below. Ovary hairy.



RED WILLOW (Salix laevigata) Native Perennial - Willow Family - (Dec-Jun) - Common. Riverbanks, seepage areas, lakeshores, canyons - Tree bark fissured. Leaf lanceolate, glaucous below, gen w/stalk glands. Stamens 5. Fruit glabrous.



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.

## **Decimal Inches**



## **English Inches**

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