

Wildflowers are found throughout the East Bay Regional Park District—everywhere from the rolling grassy hills to the deep forests. Hundreds of species can be discovered by roaming the trails of your favorite parks. In this brochure are some common spring wildflowers, grouped together by habitat. Measurements indicate height of plants. Looking at the shape and color of each flower, and the pollination guide, can you guess the pollinator?

Oak Woodlands and Grasslands



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Shooting Star
(*Dodecatheon* spp.) Varies 6-24 inches. Named for petals curving backward from the pointed center. Two species are found in the Bay Area, one is common on wooded slopes and one in grasslands. Blooms: February-April. Pollinator: bees.



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Chinese Houses
(*Collinsia heterophylla*) Varies 6-18 inches. The pagoda-like arrangement of flowers along the stem explains its name. Found in open woods or grassy slopes. Blooms: April-June. Pollinator: bees.



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Mule Ears
(*Wyethia* spp.) Varies 1-2 feet. Two species grow in our parks; one easily identified by woolly, broad, oval leaves that resemble mules' ears at attention. The other has long, narrow smooth leaves with a tapering blade. Blooms: March-June. Pollinator: bees and butterflies.



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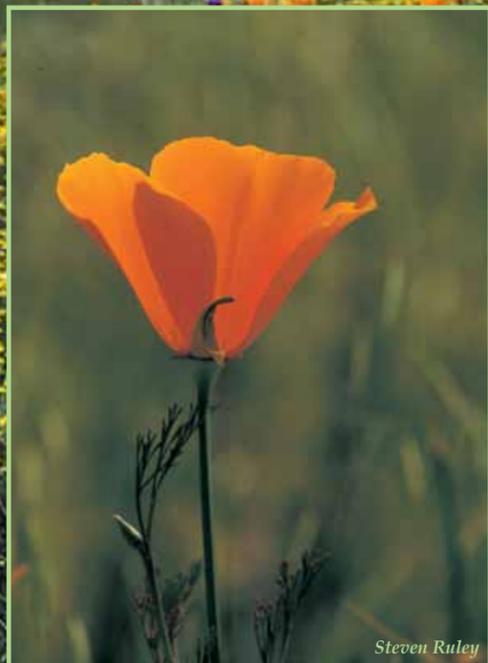
Indian Paintbrush
(*Castilleja affinis*) Up to 2 feet 6 inches. Name taken from a Native American tale. Plants are partial parasites on the roots of other plants. Blooms: March-August. Pollinator: hummingbirds.

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Mariposa Lily
(*Calochortus venustus*) Up to 24 inches. Mariposa is the Spanish word for butterfly. No two flowers are quite alike in color or markings. Blooms: May-July. Pollinator: bees and flies.



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California Poppy
(*Eschscholzia californica*) Up to 24 inches. Our state flower. Widespread in grasslands, common on disturbed soils. Blooms: March-October. Pollinator: bees and beetles.



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Blue-Eyed Grass
(*Sisyrinchium bellum*) Varies 4-16 inches. Not a grass but an iris, not blue but purple with yellow "eyes"; the common name is quite confusing. Early settlers made tea from leaves to reduce fever. Blooms: February-May. Pollinator: bees.