















Martin Luther King Jr. Wildflowers

A photographic guide to showy wildflowers of Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline

Sorted by Flower Color

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Seaside Heliotrope Heliotropium curassavicum Native Perennial Borage Family



English Plantain
Plantago lanceolata
Introduced Annual Plantain Family

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French Broom

Genista monspessulana

Introduced Perennial

Pea Family



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



California Bur Clover Medicago polymorpha Introduced Annual Pea Family



Sour Clover Melilotus indica Introduced Annual-Biennial Pea Family



Hop Clover Trifolium campestre Introduced Annual Pea Family



Brass Buttons

Cotula coronopifolia

Introduced Perennial

Sunflower Family



Narrowleaf Pacific Gumplant Grindelia stricta var. angustifolia Native Perennial Sunflower Family



Bristly Ox-tongue
Picris echioides
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Sunflower Family



Common Dandelion

Taraxacum officinale

Introduced Biennial-Perennial

Sunflower Family

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Alkali Heath Frankenia salina Native Perennial Frankenia Family



Monterey Centaury Centaurium muhlenbergii Native Annual-Biennial Gentian Family



Purpletip Cut-leaf Geranium Geranium dissectum Introduced Annual Geranium Family



Grass Poly Loosestrife
Lythrum hyssopifolium
Introduced Annual-Perennial
Loosestrife Family



Strawberry Clover Trifolium fragiferum Introduced Perennial Pea Family



Rose Clover Trifolium hirtum Introduced Annual Pea Family



Small-head Clover Trifolium microcephalum Native Annual Pea Family



Spring Vetch
Vicia sativa ssp. sativa
Introduced Annual
Pea Family



Bellardia
Bellardia trixago
Introduced Annual
Snapdragon Family



Miniature Dove Lupine *Lupinus bicolor* Native Annual Pea Family

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Scarlet Pimpernel Anagallis arvensis Introduced Annual Primrose Family