



Sycamore Valley Wildflowers

A photographic guide to
showy wildflowers of
Sycamore Valley
Regional Open Space

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 <i>Jepson</i> and other local references.
<i>Scientific Name</i>	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 <i>Jepson</i> .

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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California Buckeye
Aesculus californica
Native Perennial
Buckeye Family



Poison Hemlock
Conium maculatum
Introduced Biennial
Carrot Family



Blue Elderberry
Sambucus mexicana
Native Perennial
Honeysuckle Family



Common Soap Plant
Chlorogalum pomeridianum var. *pomeridianum*
Native Perennial
Lily Family



Field Bindweed
Convolvulus arvensis
Introduced Perennial
Morning-Glory Family



White Water Cress
Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum
Native Perennial
Mustard Family



Mouse-ear Chickweed
Cerastium glomeratum
Introduced Annual
Pink Family



Common Chickweed
Stellaria media
Introduced Annual
Pink Family



Himalayan Blackberry
Rubus discolor
Introduced Perennial
Rose Family



Common Fiddleneck
Amsinckia menziesii var. *intermedia*
Native Annual
Borage Family



Sweet Fennel
Foeniculum vulgare
Introduced Perennial
Carrot Family



Black Mustard
Brassica nigra
Introduced Annual
Mustard Family



Yellow Charlock
Sinapis arvensis
Introduced Annual
Mustard Family



California Bur Clover
Medicago polymorpha
Introduced Annual
Pea Family



Shamrock Clover
Trifolium dubium
Introduced Annual
Pea Family



Golden Monkey Flower
Mimulus guttatus
Native Perennial
Snapdragon Family



Yellow Star Thistle
Centaurea solstitialis
Introduced Annual
Sunflower Family



Rough Cat's-ear
Hypochaeris radicata
Introduced Perennial
Sunflower Family



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



Common Groundsel
Senecio vulgaris
Introduced Annual
Sunflower Family



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



Long-beaked Filaree
Erodium botrys
Introduced Annual
Geranium Family



Red-stem Filaree
Erodium cicutarium
Introduced Annual
Geranium Family



White-stem Filaree
Erodium moschatum
Introduced Annual
Geranium Family



Purpletip Cut-leaf Geranium
Geranium dissectum
Introduced Annual
Geranium Family



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



Bull Mallow
Malva nicaeensis
Introduced Annual
Mallow Family



Whorled/Narrow-leaf Milkweed
Asclepias fascicularis
Native Perennial
Milkweed Family



Common Rigid Hedge Nettle
Stachys ajugoides var. *rigida*
Native Perennial
Mint Family



Bay Area Silver Lupine
Lupinus albifrons var. *collinus*
Native Perennial
Pea Family



Rose Clover
Trifolium hirtum
Introduced Annual
Pea Family



Spring Vetch
Vicia sativa ssp. *sativa*
Introduced Annual
Pea Family



Winter Vetch
Vicia villosa ssp. *varia*
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Pea Family



Bellardia
Bellardia trixago
Introduced Annual
Snapdragon Family



Italian Thistle
Carduus pycnocephalus
Introduced Annual
Sunflower Family



Bull Thistle
Cirsium vulgare
Introduced Biennial
Sunflower Family



Cardoon / Artichoke Thistle
Cynara cardunculus
Introduced Perennial
Sunflower Family



Milk Thistle
Silybum marianum
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Sunflower Family



Purple Salsify
Tragopogon porrifolius
Introduced Biennial-Perennial
Sunflower Family



Robust Vervain
Verbena lasiostachys var. *scabrida*
Native Perennial
Vervain Family



Blue-eyed Grass
Sisyrinchium bellum
Native Perennial
Iris Family



Miniature Dove Lupine
Lupinus bicolor
Native Annual
Pea Family



California Poppy
Eschscholzia californica
Native Perennial
Poppy Family



Scarlet Pimpernel
Anagallis arvensis
Introduced Annual
Primrose Family