



# Diablo Foothills Wildflowers

A photographic guide to  
showy wildflowers of  
Diablo Foothills  
Regional Park

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](mailto:wlegard@ebparks.org).

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Nievitas Popcorn Flower  
*Plagiobothrys nothofulvus*  
Native Annual  
Borage Family



California Buckeye  
*Aesculus californica*  
Native Perennial  
Buckeye Family



Common Yard Knotweed  
*Polygonum arenastrum*  
Introduced Annual  
Buckwheat Family



Poison Hemlock  
*Conium maculatum*  
Introduced Biennial  
Carrot Family



Shepherd's Needle  
*Scandix pecten-veneris*  
Introduced Annual  
Carrot Family



Common / California Manroot  
*Marah fabaceus*  
Native Perennial  
Gourd Family



Blue Elderberry  
*Sambucus mexicana*  
Native Perennial  
Honeysuckle Family



White Butterfly Mariposa Lily  
*Calochortus venustus*  
Native Perennial  
Lily Family



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



Fragrant White Fritillary  
*Fritillaria liliacea*  
Native Perennial  
Lily Family



Common Star Lily  
*Zigadenus fremontii*  
Native Perennial  
Lily Family



Yerba Mansa  
*Anemopsis californica*  
Native Perennial  
Lizard's-Tail Family



Common Horehound  
*Marrubium vulgare*  
Introduced Perennial  
Mint Family



Black Sage  
*Salvia mellifera*  
Native Perennial  
Mint Family



Milkmaids  
*Cardamine californica*  
Native Perennial  
Mustard Family



White Water Cress  
*Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum*  
Native Perennial  
Mustard Family



Hairy Fringe-pod  
*Thysanocarpus curvipes*  
Native Annual  
Mustard Family



Mouse-ear Chickweed  
*Cerastium glomeratum*  
Introduced Annual  
Pink Family



Windmill Pink  
*Silene gallica*  
Introduced Annual  
Pink Family



Stickwort  
*Spergula arvensis ssp. arvensis*  
Introduced Annual  
Pink Family



Common Chickweed  
*Stellaria media*  
Introduced Annual  
Pink Family



California Dwarf Plantain  
*Plantago erecta*  
Native Annual  
Plantain Family



Native California Blackberry  
*Rubus ursinus*  
Native Perennial  
Rose Family



Woodland Star  
*Lithophragma affine*  
Native Perennial  
Saxifrage Family



California Saxifrage  
*Saxifraga californica*  
Native Perennial  
Saxifrage Family



Valley Tassels  
*Castilleja attenuata*  
Native Annual  
Snapdragon Family



Yarrow  
*Achillea millefolium*  
Native Perennial  
Sunflower Family



Blow Wives  
*Achyraea mollis*  
Native Annual  
Sunflower Family



Mayweed  
*Anthemis cotula*  
Introduced Annual  
Sunflower Family



Douglas/Salt Marsh Baccharis  
*Baccharis douglasii*  
Native Perennial  
Sunflower Family



Slender Cottonweed  
*Micropus californicus* var. *californicus*  
Native Annual  
Sunflower Family



California White Chicory  
*Rafinesquia californica*  
Native Annual  
Sunflower Family



Variable-leaf Nemophila  
*Nemophila heterophylla*  
Native Annual  
Waterleaf Family



Wild Heliotrope Phacelia  
*Phacelia distans*  
Native Annual  
Waterleaf Family



White Fiesta Flower  
*Pholistoma membranaceum*  
Native Annual  
Waterleaf Family



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



California Buttercup  
*Ranunculus californicus*  
Native Perennial  
Buttercup Family



Prickleseed Buttercup  
*Ranunculus muricatus*  
Introduced Annual  
Buttercup Family



Sweet Fennel  
*Foeniculum vulgare*  
Introduced Perennial  
Carrot Family



Pacific Woodland Sanicle  
*Sanicula crassicaulis*  
Native Perennial  
Carrot Family



Mt. Diablo Fairy Lantern  
*Calochortus pulchellus*  
Native Perennial  
Lily Family



Erect-pod Winter Cress  
*Barbarea orthoceras*  
Native Perennial  
Mustard Family



Black Mustard  
*Brassica nigra*  
Introduced Annual  
Mustard Family





Yellow Field Mustard  
*Brassica rapa*  
Introduced Annual  
Mustard Family



Creeping Wood Sorrel  
*Oxalis corniculata*  
Introduced Perennial  
Oxalis Family



Bermuda Buttercup  
*Oxalis pes-caprae*  
Introduced Perennial  
Oxalis Family



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



Deerweed  
*Lotus scoparius* var. *scoparius*  
Native Perennial  
Pea Family



California Lotus  
*Lotus wrangelianus*  
Native Annual  
Pea Family



California Bur Clover  
*Medicago polymorpha*  
Introduced Annual  
Pea Family



Shamrock Clover  
*Trifolium dubium*  
Introduced Annual  
Pea Family



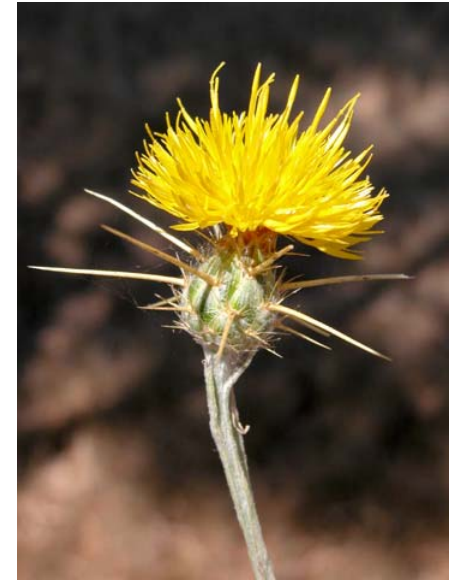
Bush Monkey Flower  
*Mimulus aurantiacus*  
Native Perennial  
Snapdragon Family



Golden Monkey Flower  
*Mimulus guttatus*  
Native Perennial  
Snapdragon Family



Yellow Johnny-tuck  
*Triphysaria eriantha* ssp. *eriantha*  
Native Annual  
Snapdragon Family



Yellow Star Thistle  
*Centaurea solstitialis*  
Introduced Annual  
Sunflower Family



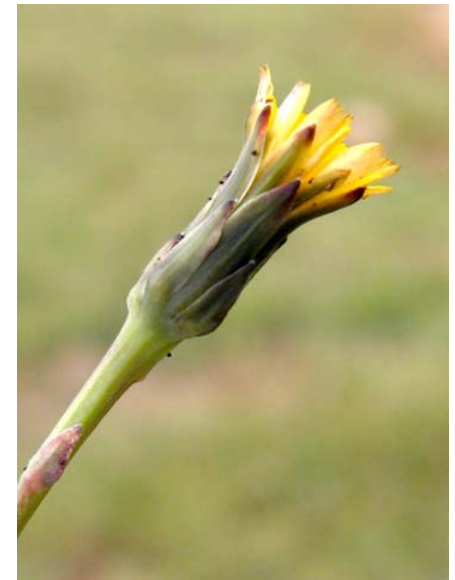
Pineapple Weed  
*Chamomilla suaveolens*  
Introduced Annual  
Sunflower Family



Brass Buttons  
*Cotula coronopifolia*  
Introduced Perennial  
Sunflower Family



Mt. Diablo Helianthella  
*Helianthella castanea*  
Native Perennial  
Sunflower Family



Smooth Cat's-ear  
*Hypochoeris glabra*  
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



Common Sow Thistle  
*Sonchus oleraceus*  
Introduced Annual  
Sunflower Family



Common Dandelion  
*Taraxacum officinale*  
Introduced Biennial-Perennial  
Sunflower Family



Narrow-leaf Mule's Ear  
*Wyethia angustifolia*  
Native Perennial  
Sunflower Family



Gray Mule's Ear  
*Wyethia helenioides*  
Native Perennial  
Sunflower Family



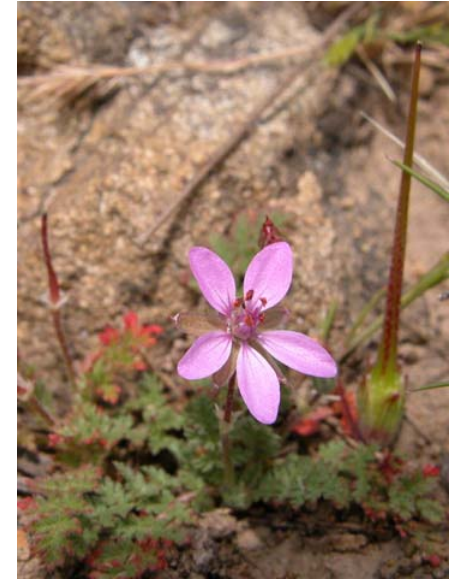
Purple Sanicle  
*Sanicula bipinnatifida*  
Native Perennial  
Carrot Family



Elegant Clarkia  
*Clarkia unguiculata*  
Native Annual  
Evening Primrose 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



Ithuriel's Spear  
*Triteleia laxa*  
Native Perennial  
Lily Family



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



Wild Radish  
*Raphanus sativus*  
Introduced Annual  
Mustard Family



Pale Purple Pacific Pea  
*Lathyrus vestitus* var. *vestitus*  
Native Perennial  
Pea Family



Spanish Clover  
*Lotus purshianus* var. *purshianus*  
Native Annual  
Pea Family



California Tea  
*Rupertia physodes*  
Native Perennial  
Pea Family



Rose Clover  
*Trifolium hirtum*  
Introduced Annual  
Pea Family



Tomcat Clover  
*Trifolium willdenovii*  
Native Annual  
Pea Family



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



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



Mosquitobills Shooting Star  
*Dodecatheon hendersonii*  
Native Perennial  
Primrose Family



Magenta Red Maids  
*Calandrinia ciliata*  
Native Annual  
Purslane Family



California Wild Rose  
*Rosa californica*  
Native Perennial  
Rose Family



Bellardia  
*Bellardia trixago*  
Introduced Annual  
Snapdragon Family



Chinese Houses  
*Collinsia heterophylla*  
Native 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



Weedy Cudweed  
*Gnaphalium luteo-album*  
Introduced Annual  
Sunflower Family



Milk Thistle  
*Silybum marianum*  
Introduced Annual-Biennial  
Sunflower Family



Large Hound's Tongue  
*Cynoglossum grande*  
Native Perennial  
Borage Family



Royal Larkspur  
*Delphinium variegatum* ssp. *variegatum*  
Native Perennial  
Buttercup Family



Greater Periwinkle  
*Vinca major*  
Introduced Perennial  
Dogbane Family



Blue-eyed Grass  
*Sisyrinchium bellum*  
Native Perennial  
Iris Family



Blue Dicks  
*Dichelostemma capitatum* ssp. *capitatum*  
Native Perennial  
Lily Family



Blue Witch  
*Solanum umbelliferum*  
Native Perennial  
Nightshade Family



Miniature Dove Lupine  
*Lupinus bicolor*  
Native Annual  
Pea Family



Arroyo Lupine  
*Lupinus succulentus*  
Native Annual  
Pea Family





American Brooklime Speedwell  
*Veronica americana*  
Native Perennial  
Snapdragon Family



Persian Speedwell  
*Veronica persica*  
Introduced Annual  
Snapdragon Family



California Fuchsia  
*Epilobium canum ssp. canum*  
Native Perennial  
Evening Primrose Family



California Poppy  
*Eschscholzia californica*  
Native Perennial  
Poppy Family



Scarlet Pimpernel  
*Anagallis arvensis*  
Introduced Annual  
Primrose Family



Common Indian Paintbrush  
*Castilleja affinis ssp. affinis*  
Native Perennial  
Snapdragon Family



Woolly Paintbrush  
*Castilleja foliolosa*  
Native Perennial  
Snapdragon Family



Checker Lily  
*Fritillaria affinis* var. *affinis*  
Native Perennial  
Lily Family