



Vasco Caves Wildflowers

A photographic guide to
showy wildflowers of
Vasco Caves
Regional Preserve

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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Seaside Heliotrope
Heliotropium curassavicum
Native Perennial
Borage Family



Valley Popcorn Flower
Plagiobothrys canescens
Native Annual
Borage Family



California Buckeye
Aesculus californica
Native Perennial
Buckeye Family



Common / California Manroot
Marah fabacea
Native Perennial
Gourd Family



Blue Elderberry
Sambucus mexicana
Native Perennial
Honeysuckle Family



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



Common Horehound
Marrubium vulgare
Introduced Perennial
Mint Family



Black Sage
Salvia mellifera
Native Perennial
Mint Family



White Water Cress
Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum
Native Perennial
Mustard Family



Small-flower Nightshade
Solanum americanum
Native Annual-Perennial
Nightshade Family



Bicolor Linanthus
Linanthus bicolor
Native Annual
Phlox Family



Mouse-ear Chickweed
Cerastium glomeratum
Introduced Annual
Pink Family



Windmill Pink
Silene gallica
Introduced Annual
Pink Family



Common Chickweed
Stellaria media
Introduced Annual
Pink Family



California Dwarf Plantain
Plantago erecta
Native Annual
Plantain Family



Common Miner's Lettuce
Claytonia perfoliata ssp. *perfoliata*
Native Annual
Purslane 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
Achyrrachaena mollis
Native Annual
Sunflower Family



California Everlasting
Gnaphalium californicum
Native Biennial
Sunflower Family



White Fiesta Flower
Pholistoma membranaceum
Native Annual
Waterleaf Family



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



Sweet Fennel
Foeniculum vulgare
Introduced Perennial
Carrot Family



Erect-pod Winter Cress
Barbarea orthoceras
Native Perennial
Mustard Family



Black Mustard
Brassica nigra
Introduced Annual
Mustard 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



Sour Clover
Melilotus indica
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Pea Family



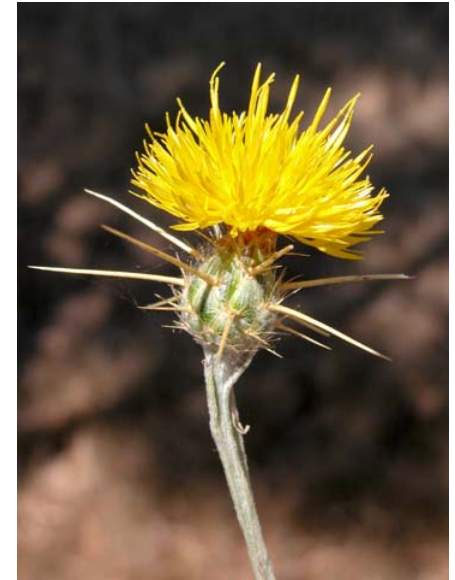
Bush Monkey Flower
Mimulus aurantiacus
Native Perennial
Snapdragon Family



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



Smooth Cat's-ear
Hypochaeris glabra
Introduced Annual
Sunflower Family



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



Goldfields
Lasthenia californica
Native Annual
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



Pale Western Larkspur
Delphinium hesperium ssp. pallescens
Native Perennial
Buttercup Family



Purple Sanicle
Sanicula bipinnatifida
Native Perennial
Carrot Family



Panicled / Weedy Willowherb
Epilobium brachycarpum
Native Annual
Evening Primrose Family



Common Willowherb
Epilobium ciliatum ssp. ciliatum
Native Perennial
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



Pink / Serrated Onion
Allium serra
Native Perennial
Lily Family



Ithuriel's Spear
Triteleia laxa
Native Perennial
Lily Family



Grass Poly Loosestrife
Lythrum hyssopifolium
Introduced Annual-Perennial
Loosestrife Family



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



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



Blue Bush / Silver Lupine
Lupinus albifrons var. *albifrons*
Native Perennial
Pea Family



Small-head Clover
Trifolium microcephalum
Native Annual
Pea Family



Tomcat Clover
Trifolium willdenovii
Native Annual
Pea Family



Magenta Red Maids
Calandrinia ciliata
Native Annual
Purslane Family



Bellardia
Bellardia trixago
Introduced Annual
Snapdragon Family



Common Owl's Clover
Castilleja densiflora ssp. densiflora
Native Annual
Snapdragon Family



Purple Owl's Clover
Castilleja exserta ssp. exserta
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



Milk Thistle
Silybum marianum
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Sunflower Family



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



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