



Quarry Lakes Wildflowers

A photographic guide to
showy wildflowers of
Quarry Lakes
Regional Recreation Area

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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Poison Hemlock
Conium maculatum
Introduced Biennial
Carrot Family



Common / California Manroot
Marah fabaceus
Native Perennial
Gourd Family



Blue Elderberry
Sambucus mexicana
Native Perennial
Honeysuckle Family



Hidden-flower Cheeseweed
Malva parviflora
Introduced Annual
Mallow Family



Common Horehound
Marrubium vulgare
Introduced Perennial
Mint Family



Field Bindweed
Convolvulus arvensis
Introduced Perennial
Morning-Glory Family



Blue Gum
Eucalyptus globulus
Introduced Perennial
Myrtle Family



White Sweet Clover
Melilotus alba
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Pea Family



English Plantain
Plantago lanceolata
Introduced Annual
Plantain Family



Himalayan Blackberry
Rubus discolor
Introduced Perennial
Rose Family



Native California Blackberry
Rubus ursinus
Native Perennial
Rose Family



Yarrow
Achillea millefolium
Native Perennial
Sunflower Family



Mulefat
Baccharis salicifolia
Native Perennial
Sunflower Family



Sweet Fennel
Foeniculum vulgare
Introduced Perennial
Carrot Family



Black Mustard
Brassica nigra
Introduced Annual
Mustard Family



Yellow Field Mustard
Brassica rapa
Introduced Annual
Mustard Family



Tree Tobacco
Nicotiana glauca
Introduced Perennial
Nightshade Family



Bermuda Buttercup
Oxalis pes-caprae
Introduced Perennial
Oxalis Family



California Bur Clover
Medicago polymorpha
Introduced Annual
Pea Family



Sour Clover
Melilotus indica
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Pea 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



Smooth Cat's-ear
Hypochaeris glabra
Introduced 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



Common Sow Thistle
Sonchus oleraceus
Introduced Annual
Sunflower Family



Common Dandelion
Taraxacum officinale
Introduced Biennial-Perennial
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



Bull Mallow
Malva nicaeensis
Introduced Annual
Mallow Family



Wild Radish
Raphanus sativus
Introduced Annual
Mustard 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



Italian Thistle
Carduus pycnocephalus
Introduced Annual
Sunflower Family



Purple Star Thistle
Centaurea calcitrapa
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Sunflower Family



Bull Thistle
Cirsium vulgare
Introduced Biennial
Sunflower Family



Weedy Cudweed
Gnaphalium luteo-album
Introduced Annual
Sunflower Family



Milk Thistle
Silybum marianum
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Sunflower Family



Purple Salsify
Tragopogon porrifolius
Introduced Biennial-Perennial
Sunflower Family



Greater Periwinkle
Vinca major
Introduced Perennial
Dogbane Family



Black Nightshade
Solanum nigrum
Introduced Annual
Nightshade Family



Persian Speedwell
Veronica persica
Introduced Annual
Snapdragon Family



Chicory
Cichorium intybus
Introduced Perennial
Sunflower Family



Swamp / Water Knotweed
Polygonum amphibium var. *emersum*
Native Perennial
Buckwheat Family



California Poppy
Eschscholzia californica
Native Perennial
Poppy Family



Scarlet Pimpernel
Anagallis arvensis
Introduced Annual
Primrose Family