



# Don Castro Wildflowers

A photographic guide to  
showy wildflowers of  
Don Castro  
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](mailto:wlegard@ebparks.org).

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California Buckeye  
*Aesculus californica*  
Native Perennial  
Buckeye Family



Western Virgin's Bower  
*Clematis ligusticifolia*  
Native Perennial  
Buttercup Family



Poison Hemlock  
*Conium maculatum*  
Introduced Biennial  
Carrot Family



Cow Parsnip  
*Heracleum lanatum*  
Native Perennial  
Carrot Family



Canyon Gooseberry  
*Ribes menziesii*  
Native Perennial  
Gooseberry Family



Blue Elderberry  
*Sambucus mexicana*  
Native Perennial  
Honeysuckle Family



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



Starry False Solomon's Seal  
*Smilacina stellata*  
Native Perennial  
Lily Family





Common Horehound  
*Marrubium vulgare*  
Introduced Perennial  
Mint Family



Climbing Morning Glory  
*Calystegia purpurata* ssp. *purpurata*  
Native Perennial  
Morning-Glory Family



Field Bindweed  
*Convolvulus arvensis*  
Introduced Perennial  
Morning-Glory Family



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



Blue Gum  
*Eucalyptus globulus*  
Introduced Perennial  
Myrtle Family



White Sweet Clover  
*Melilotus alba*  
Introduced Annual-Biennial  
Pea Family



White Clover  
*Trifolium repens*  
Introduced Perennial  
Pea Family



Subterranean Clover  
*Trifolium subterraneum*  
Introduced Annual  
Pea Family





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



Common Chickweed  
*Stellaria media*  
Introduced Annual  
Pink Family



English Plantain  
*Plantago lanceolata*  
Introduced Annual  
Plantain Family



Creambush / Ocean Spray  
*Holodiscus discolor*  
Native Perennial  
Rose Family



Pacific Ninebark  
*Physocarpus capitatus*  
Native Perennial  
Rose Family



Himalayan Blackberry  
*Rubus discolor*  
Introduced Perennial  
Rose Family



Native California Blackberry  
*Rubus ursinus*  
Native Perennial  
Rose Family



Small-flower Alumroot  
*Heuchera micrantha*  
Native Perennial  
Saxifrage Family





Valley Tassels  
*Castilleja attenuata*  
Native Annual  
Snapdragon Family



Yarrow  
*Achillea millefolium*  
Native Perennial  
Sunflower Family



Mayweed  
*Anthemis cotula*  
Introduced Annual  
Sunflower Family



South American Horseweed  
*Conyza bonariensis*  
Introduced Annual  
Sunflower Family



California Everlasting  
*Gnaphalium californicum*  
Native Biennial  
Sunflower Family



Wild Teasel  
*Dipsacus sativus*  
Introduced Biennial  
Teasel Family



Common Water Plantain  
*Alisma plantago-aquatica*  
Native Perennial  
Water-Plantain Family





Sweet Fennel  
*Foeniculum vulgare*  
Introduced Perennial  
Carrot Family



Pacific Woodland Sanicle  
*Sanicula crassicaulis*  
Native Perennial  
Carrot Family



Golden Eggs Suncup  
*Camissonia ovata*  
Native Perennial  
Evening Primrose Family



Tree Tobacco  
*Nicotiana glauca*  
Introduced Perennial  
Nightshade Family



Creeping Wood Sorrel  
*Oxalis corniculata*  
Introduced Perennial  
Oxalis Family



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



French Broom  
*Genista monspessulana*  
Introduced Perennial  
Pea Family



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





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



California Bur Clover  
*Medicago polymorpha*  
Introduced Annual  
Pea Family



Sour Clover  
*Melilotus indica*  
Introduced Annual-Biennial  
Pea Family



Common Purslane  
*Portulaca oleracea*  
Introduced Perennial  
Purslane Family



Sharp Point Fluvellin  
*Kickxia elatine*  
Introduced Annual  
Snapdragon Family



Bush Monkey Flower  
*Mimulus aurantiacus*  
Native Perennial  
Snapdragon Family



Golden Monkey Flower  
*Mimulus guttatus*  
Native Perennial  
Snapdragon Family



Tocalote  
*Centaurea melitensis*  
Introduced Annual  
Sunflower 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



Rosilla  
*Helenium puberulum*  
Native Biennial  
Sunflower Family



Smooth Cat's-ear  
*Hypochaeris 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



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





Red-stem Filaree  
*Erodium cicutarium*  
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



Hairy Vine Honeysuckle  
*Lonicera hispidula* var. *vacillans*  
Native Perennial  
Honeysuckle Family



Giant Trillium  
*Trillium chloropetalum*  
Native Perennial  
Lily Family



Grass Poly Loosestrife  
*Lythrum hyssopifolium*  
Introduced Annual-Perennial  
Loosestrife Family



Bull Mallow  
*Malva nicaeensis*  
Introduced Annual  
Mallow Family



Wild Radish  
*Raphanus sativus*  
Introduced Annual  
Mustard Family





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



Strawberry Clover  
*Trifolium fragiferum*  
Introduced Perennial  
Pea Family



Rose Clover  
*Trifolium hirtum*  
Introduced Annual  
Pea Family



Tomcat Clover  
*Trifolium willdenovii*  
Native Annual  
Pea Family



California Wild Rose  
*Rosa californica*  
Native Perennial  
Rose Family



Bellardia  
*Bellardia trixago*  
Introduced Annual  
Snapdragon Family



Italian Thistle  
*Carduus pycnocephalus*  
Introduced Annual  
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



Forget-me-not  
*Myosotis latifolia*  
Introduced Perennial  
Borage Family



Greater Periwinkle  
*Vinca major*  
Introduced Perennial  
Dogbane Family



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



Ookow  
*Dichelostemma congestum*  
Native Perennial  
Lily Family



Arroyo Lupine  
*Lupinus succulentus*  
Native Annual  
Pea Family



Persian Speedwell  
*Veronica persica*  
Introduced Annual  
Snapdragon Family



Blue Fiesta Flower  
*Pholistoma auritum* var. *auritum*  
Native Annual  
Waterleaf Family





California Poppy  
*Eschscholzia californica*  
Native Perennial  
Poppy Family



Scarlet Pimpernel  
*Anagallis arvensis*  
Introduced Annual  
Primrose Family