



# Pleasanton Ridge Wildflowers

A photographic guide to  
showy wildflowers of  
Pleasanton Ridge  
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



Buckbrush  
*Ceanothus cuneatus* var. *cuneatus*  
Native Perennial  
Buckthorn Family



Common Yard Knotweed  
*Polygonum arenastrum*  
Introduced Annual  
Buckwheat 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



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



Dense-flower Willowherb  
*Epilobium densiflorum*  
Native Annual  
Evening Primrose Family



Hillside Gooseberry  
*Ribes californicum* var. *californicum*  
Native Perennial  
Gooseberry Family



Canyon Gooseberry  
*Ribes menziesii*  
Native Perennial  
Gooseberry Family



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



Oregon / Coast Manroot  
*Marah oreganus*  
Native Perennial  
Gourd Family



Blue Elderberry  
*Sambucus mexicana*  
Native Perennial  
Honeysuckle Family



White Fairy Lantern  
*Calochortus albus*  
Native Perennial  
Lily Family



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



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



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



Common Star Lily  
*Zigadenus fremontii*  
Native Perennial  
Lily Family



Hidden-flower Cheeseweed  
*Malva parviflora*  
Introduced Annual  
Mallow Family



Common Horehound  
*Marrubium vulgare*  
Introduced Perennial  
Mint Family



Black Sage  
*Salvia mellifera*  
Native Perennial  
Mint Family



Shortstem Morning Glory  
*Calystegia subacaulis* ssp. *subacaulis*  
Native Perennial  
Morning-Glory Family



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



Milkmaids  
*Cardamine californica*  
Native Perennial  
Mustard Family



Slender Peren. Peppergrass  
*Lepidium latifolium*  
Introduced Perennial  
Mustard Family



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



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



Blue Gum  
*Eucalyptus globulus*  
Introduced Perennial  
Myrtle Family



Thimble Clover  
*Trifolium microdon*  
Native Annual  
Pea Family



Subterranean Clover  
*Trifolium subterraneum*  
Introduced Annual  
Pea Family



Pinklobe Linanthus  
*Linanthus androsaceus*  
Native Annual  
Phlox 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



English Plantain  
*Plantago lanceolata*  
Introduced Annual  
Plantain Family



California Meconella  
*Meconella californica*  
Native Annual  
Poppy Family



Cream Cups  
*Platystemon californicus*  
Native Annual  
Poppy Family



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



Woodland Strawberry  
*Fragaria vesca*  
Native Perennial  
Rose Family



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



Oso Berry  
*Oemleria cerasiformis*  
Native Perennial  
Rose Family



Pacific Ninebark  
*Physocarpus capitatus*  
Native Perennial  
Rose Family



Western Chokecherry  
*Prunus virginiana var. demissa*  
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



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



Mayweed  
*Anthemis cotula*  
Introduced Annual  
Sunflower Family



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



California Everlasting  
*Gnaphalium californicum*  
Native Biennial  
Sunflower Family



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



California White Chicory  
*Rafinesquia californica*  
Native Annual  
Sunflower Family



Longhorn Plecritis  
*Plectritis macrocera*  
Native Annual  
Valerian Family



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



Wild Heliotrope Phacelia  
*Phacelia distans*  
Native Annual  
Waterleaf Family



Rock Phacelia  
*Phacelia imbricata* ssp. *imbricata*  
Native Perennial  
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



Puncture Vine  
*Tribulus terrestris*  
Introduced Annual  
Caltrop 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



Yellow Mariposa Lily  
*Calochortus luteus*  
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



Yellow Charlock  
*Sinapis arvensis*  
Introduced Annual  
Mustard 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 Lotus  
*Lotus wrangelianus*  
Native Annual  
Pea Family



Yellow Bush Lupine  
*Lupinus arboreus*  
Native Perennial  
Pea Family



Gully Lupine  
*Lupinus microcarpus* var. *densiflorus*  
Native Annual  
Pea Family



California Bur Clover  
*Medicago polymorpha*  
Introduced Annual  
Pea Family



Shamrock Clover  
*Trifolium dubium*  
Introduced Annual  
Pea Family



Bristly Linanthus  
*Linanthus acicularis*  
Native Annual  
Phlox Family



Sharp Point Fluellin  
*Kickxia elatine*  
Introduced Annual  
Snapdragon 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



Common Woolly Mullein  
*Verbascum thapsus*  
Introduced Biennial  
Snapdragon Family



Large-flower Native Dandelion  
*Agoseris grandiflora*  
Native Perennial  
Sunflower Family



Glue-seed  
*Blennosperma nanum var. nanum*  
Native Annual  
Sunflower Family



Yellow Star Thistle  
*Centaurea solstitialis*  
Introduced Annual  
Sunflower Family



Pineapple Weed  
*Chamomilla suaveolens*  
Introduced Annual  
Sunflower Family



Interior Golden Bush  
*Ericameria linearifolia*  
Native Perennial  
Sunflower Family



Golden Yarrow  
*Eriophyllum confertiflorum* var. *confertiflorum*  
Native Perennial  
Sunflower Family



Western Goldenrod  
*Euthamia occidentalis*  
Native Perennial  
Sunflower Family



Rosilla  
*Helenium puberulum*  
Native Biennial  
Sunflower Family



Fitch Spikeweed  
*Hemizonia fitchii*  
Native Perennial  
Sunflower Family



Congdon Spikeweed  
*Hemizonia parryi* ssp. *congdonii*  
Native 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



Common Tidytip  
*Layia platyglossa*  
Native Annual  
Sunflower Family



Common / Coast Tarweed  
*Madia sativa*  
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



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



Johnny-Jump-Up / Wild Pansy  
*Viola pedunculata*  
Native Perennial  
Violet Family



Coast Larkspur  
*Delphinium decorum* ssp. *decorum*  
Native Perennial  
Buttercup Family



Rattlesnake Weed  
*Daucus pusillus*  
Native Annual  
Carrot Family



Purple Sanicle  
*Sanicula bipinnatifida*  
Native Perennial  
Carrot Family



Small Clarkia  
*Clarkia affinis*  
Native Annual  
Evening Primrose Family



Elegant Clarkia  
*Clarkia unguiculata*  
Native Annual  
Evening Primrose Family



Panicked / Weedy Willowherb  
*Epilobium brachycarpum*  
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



Chaparral Currant  
*Ribes malvaceum* var. *malvaceum*  
Native Perennial  
Gooseberry Family



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



Pink / Serrated Onion  
*Allium serra*  
Native Perennial  
Lily Family



Giant Trillium  
*Trillium chloropetalum*  
Native Perennial  
Lily Family



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



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



Blue Field Madder  
*Sherardia arvensis*  
Introduced Annual  
Madder Family



Bull Mallow  
*Malva nicaeensis*  
Introduced Annual  
Mallow Family



Common Checkerbloom  
*Sidalcea malvaeflora* ssp. *malvaeflora*  
Native Perennial  
Mallow Family



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



Pennyroyal  
*Mentha pulegium*  
Introduced Perennial  
Mint Family



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



Vinegar Weed  
*Trichostema lanceolatum*  
Native Annual  
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



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



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



California Tea  
*Rupertia physodes*  
Native Perennial  
Pea Family



Tree Clover  
*Trifolium ciliolatum*  
Native Annual  
Pea Family



Pinpoint Clover  
*Trifolium gracilentum* var. *gracilentum*  
Native Annual  
Pea Family



Rose Clover  
*Trifolium hirtum*  
Introduced Annual  
Pea Family



Small-head Clover  
*Trifolium microcephalum*  
Native Annual  
Pea Family



Tomcat Clover  
*Trifolium willdenovii*  
Native Annual  
Pea Family



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



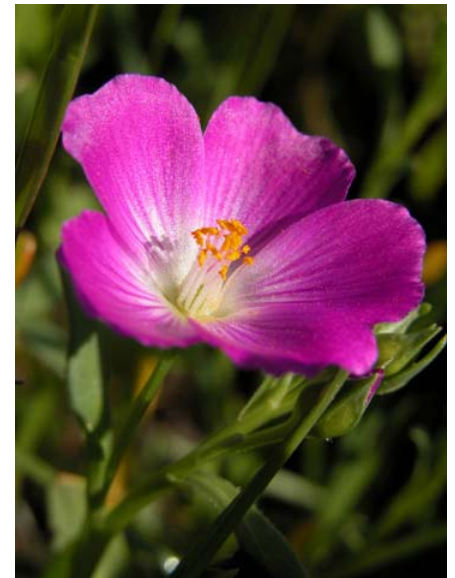
Winter Vetch  
*Vicia villosa ssp. varia*  
Introduced Annual-Biennial  
Pea Family



Ruby Sand Spurry  
*Spergularia rubra*  
Introduced Annual-Perennial  
Pink 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



Purple Star Thistle  
*Centaurea calcitrapa*  
Introduced Annual-Biennial  
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



Common Lessingia  
*Lessingia filaginifolia* var. *filaginifolia*  
Native Perennial  
Sunflower Family



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



Lemon Verbena  
*Phyla nodiflora* var. *nodiflora*  
Native Perennial  
Vervain Family



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



California / Rock Phacelia  
*Phacelia californica*  
Native Perennial  
Waterleaf Family





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



Ookow  
*Dichelostemma congestum*  
Native Perennial  
Lily Family



Blue Witch  
*Solanum umbelliferum*  
Native Perennial  
Nightshade Family



Miniature Dove Lupine  
*Lupinus bicolor*  
Native Annual  
Pea Family



Douglas Sky Lupine  
*Lupinus nanus*  
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



Chicory  
*Cichorium intybus*  
Introduced Perennial  
Sunflower Family



Baby Blue-eyes  
*Nemophila menziesii* var. *menziesii*  
Native Annual  
Waterleaf Family



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



Red / Crimson Columbine  
*Aquilegia formosa*  
Native Perennial  
Buttercup Family



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



California Poppy  
*Eschscholzia californica*  
Native Perennial  
Poppy Family



Wind Poppy  
*Stylomecon heterophylla*  
Native Annual  
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



California Figwort  
*Scrophularia californica ssp. californica*  
Native Perennial  
Snapdragon Family



Venus / Cobweb Thistle  
*Cirsium occidentale* var. *venustum*  
Native Biennial  
Sunflower Family



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