



Big Break Wildflowers

A photographic guide to
showy wildflowers of
Big Break
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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Seaside Heliotrope
Heliotropium curassavicum
Native Perennial
Borage Family



Common Yard Knotweed
Polygonum arenastrum
Introduced Annual
Buckwheat Family



Antioch Dunes Eve. Primrose
Oenothera deltoides ssp. *howellii*
Native Perennial
Evening Primrose Family



Japanese Honeysuckle
Lonicera japonica
Introduced Perennial
Honeysuckle Family



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



Field Mint
Mentha arvensis
Native Perennial
Mint Family



Field Bindweed
Convolvulus arvensis
Introduced Perennial
Morning-Glory Family



Slender Peren. Peppergrass
Lepidium latifolium
Introduced Perennial
Mustard Family

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White Sweet Clover
Melilotus alba
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Pea Family



Water Hyacinth
Eichhornia crassipes
Introduced Perennial
Pickerel-Weed Family



English Plantain
Plantago lanceolata
Introduced Annual
Plantain Family



Himalayan Blackberry
Rubus discolor
Introduced Perennial
Rose Family



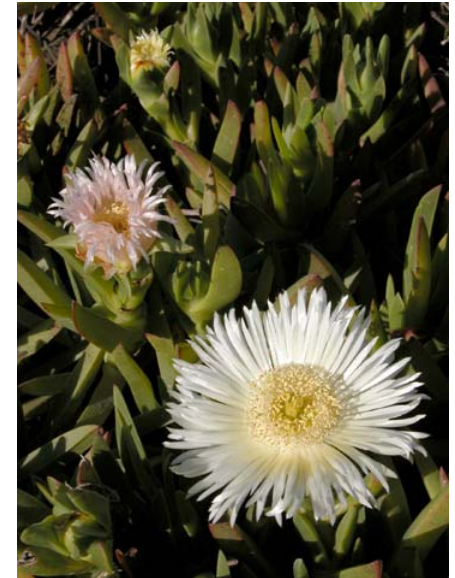
Puncture Vine
Tribulus terrestris
Introduced Annual
Caltrop Family



Sweet Fennel
Foeniculum vulgare
Introduced Perennial
Carrot Family



Yellow Water Primrose
Ludwigia peploides ssp. *peploides*
Native Perennial
Evening Primrose Family



Yellow Hottentot Fig
Carpobrotus edulis
Introduced Perennial
Fig-Marigold Family



Tree Tobacco
Nicotiana glauca
Introduced Perennial
Nightshade Family



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



Common Purslane
Portulaca oleracea
Introduced Perennial
Purslane Family



Golden Monkey Flower
Mimulus guttatus
Native Perennial
Snapdragon Family



Yellow Star Thistle
Centaurea solstitialis
Introduced Annual
Sunflower Family



Brass Buttons
Cotula coronopifolia
Introduced Perennial
Sunflower Family



Western Goldenrod
Euthamia occidentalis
Native Perennial
Sunflower Family



Rosilla
Helenium puberulum
Native Biennial
Sunflower Family



Bristly Ox-tongue
Picris echioides
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Sunflower Family



Common Sow Thistle
Sonchus oleraceus
Introduced Annual
Sunflower Family



Panicled / Weedy Willowherb
Epilobium brachycarpum
Native Annual
Evening Primrose Family



Common Willowherb
Epilobium ciliatum ssp. *ciliatum*
Native Perennial
Evening Primrose Family



Monterey Centaury
Centaureum muhlenbergii
Native Annual-Biennial
Gentian Family



White-stem Filaree
Erodium moschatum
Introduced Annual
Geranium Family



California Loosestrife
Lythrum californicum
Native Perennial
Loosestrife Family



Grass Poly Loosestrife
Lythrum hyssopifolium
Introduced Annual-Perennial
Loosestrife Family



Wild Radish
Raphanus sativus
Introduced Annual
Mustard Family



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

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Pink/Purple



California Wild Rose
Rosa californica
Native Perennial
Rose 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



Black Nightshade
Solanum nigrum
Introduced Annual
Nightshade Family