



Contra Loma Wildflowers

A photographic guide to
showy wildflowers of
Contra Loma
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.

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Valley Popcorn Flower
Plagiobothrys canescens
Native Annual
Borage Family



Nievitas Popcorn Flower
Plagiobothrys nothofulvus
Native Annual
Borage Family



California Buckeye
Aesculus californica
Native Perennial
Buckeye Family



Common Yard Knotweed
Polygonum arenastrum
Introduced Annual
Buckwheat Family



Common / California Manroot
Marah fabaceus
Native Perennial
Gourd Family



Hidden-flower Cheeseweed
Malva parviflora
Introduced Annual
Mallow Family



Alkali Mallow
Malvella leprosa
Native Perennial
Mallow Family



Field Bindweed
Convolvulus arvensis
Introduced Perennial
Morning-Glory Family



Hairy Fringe-pod
Thysanocarpus curvipes
Native Annual
Mustard Family



Small-flower Nightshade
Solanum americanum
Native Annual-Perennial
Nightshade 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



Woodland Star
Lithophragma affine
Native Perennial
Saxifrage Family



California Saxifrage
Saxifraga californica
Native Perennial
Saxifrage Family



Yarrow
Achillea millefolium
Native Perennial
Sunflower Family



Mulefat
Baccharis salicifolia
Native Perennial
Sunflower Family



Variable-leaf Nemophila
Nemophila heterophylla
Native Annual
Waterleaf Family



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



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



Puncture Vine
Tribulus terrestris
Introduced Annual
Caltrop Family



Erect-pod Winter Cress
Barbarea orthoceras
Native Perennial
Mustard Family



Black Mustard
Brassica nigra
Introduced Annual
Mustard Family



Bird's-foot Deerweed
Lotus corniculatus
Introduced 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



Yellow Johnny-tuck
Triphysaria eriantha ssp. *eriantha*
Native Annual
Snapdragon 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



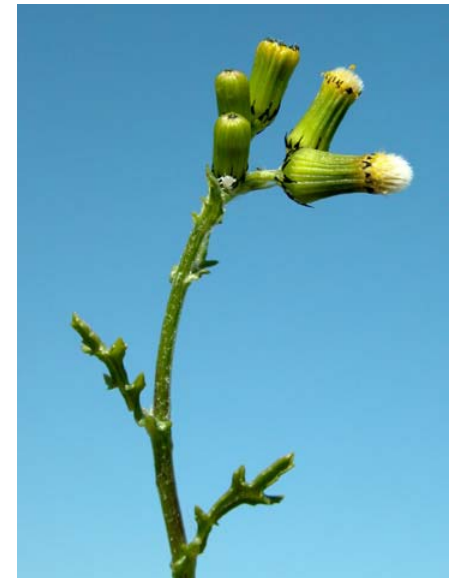
Fitch Spikeweed
Hemizonia fitchii
Native Perennial
Sunflower Family



Cupped Monolopia
Monolopia major
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



Purple Sanicle
Sanicula bipinnatifida
Native Perennial
Carrot 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



Ithuriel's Spear
Triteleia laxa
Native Perennial
Lily Family



California Milkweed
Asclepias californica
Native Perennial
Milkweed Family



Vinegar Weed
Trichostema lanceolatum
Native Annual
Mint Family



Wild Radish
Raphanus sativus
Introduced Annual
Mustard Family



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



Strawberry Clover
Trifolium fragiferum
Introduced Perennial
Pea Family



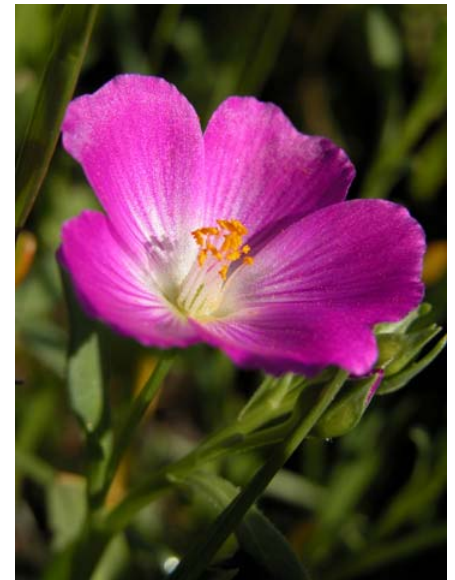
Pinpoint Clover
Trifolium gracilentum var. *gracilentum*
Native Annual
Pea Family



Tomcat Clover
Trifolium willdenovii
Native Annual
Pea Family



Mosquitobills Shooting Star
Dodecatheon hendersonii
Native Perennial
Primrose Family



Magenta Red Maids
Calandrinia ciliata
Native Annual
Purslane Family



Italian Thistle
Carduus pycnocephalus
Introduced Annual
Sunflower Family



Bull Thistle
Cirsium vulgare
Introduced Biennial
Sunflower Family



Milk Thistle
Silybum marianum
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Sunflower Family



Blue Dicks
Dichelostemma capitatum ssp. capitatum
Native Perennial
Lily Family



Miniature Dove Lupine
Lupinus bicolor
Native Annual
Pea Family



Arroyo Lupine
Lupinus succulentus
Native Annual
Pea Family



Persian Speedwell
Veronica persica
Introduced Annual
Snapdragon Family



California Poppy
Eschscholzia californica
Native Perennial
Poppy Family



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



Stinkbells
Fritillaria agrestis
Native Perennial
Lily Family