



Don Castro Plants

A photographic guide to
wild plants of
Don Castro
Regional Recreation Area

Sorted by
Scientific Name

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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 plants 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, the included plants are sorted alphabetically by scientific name. Under each photograph are four lines of information, based on upon the current standard wild plant reference for California: *The Jepson Manual: Higher Plants of California*, 1993.

<i>Scientific Name</i>	Scientific names revised since 1993 are NOT included in this edition.
Common Name	These non-standard names are based on <i>Jepson</i> and other local references.
Origin & Longevity	Native or Introduced. Annual, Biennial, Perennial, or a combination.
Scientific Family Name	The scientific plant family name according to <i>Jepson</i> .

For readers that prefer a guide focusing on showy wildflowers, sorted by flower color and emphasizing common names, please download the “wildflower” version of this guide.

Readers are encouraged to email any suggestions or corrections to wlegard@ebparks.org.

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Acer macrophyllum
Bigleaf Maple
Native Perennial
Aceraceae



Acer negundo var. *californicum*
Box Elder
Native Perennial
Aceraceae



Achillea millefolium
Yarrow
Native Perennial
Asteraceae



Adiantum jordanii
Calif. Maidenhair Fern
Native Perennial
Pteridaceae



Aesculus californica
California Buckeye
Native Perennial
Hippocastanaceae



Alisma plantago-aquatica
Common Water Plantain
Native Perennial
Alismataceae



Anagallis arvensis
Scarlet Pimpernel
Introduced Annual
Primulaceae



Anthemis cotula
Mayweed
Introduced Annual
Asteraceae



Anthriscus caucalis
Bur-chervil
Introduced Annual
Apiaceae



Artemisia douglasiana
California Mugwort
Native Perennial
Asteraceae



Avena fatua
Wild Oat
Introduced Annual
Poaceae



Baccharis pilularis
Coyote Bush
Native Perennial
Asteraceae



Bellardia trixago
Bellardia
Introduced Annual
Scrophulariaceae



Briza minor
Little Quaking Grass
Introduced Annual
Poaceae



Bromus hordeaceus
Soft Brome
Introduced Annual
Poaceae



Calystegia purpurata ssp. *purpurata*
Climbing Morning Glory
Native Perennial
Convolvulaceae



Camissonia ovata
Golden Eggs Suncup
Native Perennial
Onagraceae



Capsella bursa-pastoris
Shepherd's Purse
Introduced Annual
Brassicaceae



Cardamine oligosperma
Western Bitter Cress
Native Annual
Brassicaceae



Carduus pycnocephalus
Italian Thistle
Introduced Annual
Asteraceae



Castilleja attenuata
Valley Tassels
Native Annual
Scrophulariaceae



Centaurea melitensis
Tocalote
Introduced Annual
Asteraceae



Centaurea solstitialis
Yellow Star Thistle
Introduced Annual
Asteraceae



Chamomilla suaveolens
Pineapple Weed
Introduced Annual
Asteraceae



Chlorogalum pomeridianum var. *pomeridianum*
Common Soap Plant
Native Perennial
Liliaceae



Cirsium vulgare
Bull Thistle
Introduced Biennial
Asteraceae



Clematis ligusticifolia
Western Virgin's Bower
Native Perennial
Ranunculaceae



Conium maculatum
Poison Hemlock
Introduced Biennial
Apiaceae



Convolvulus arvensis
Field Bindweed
Introduced Perennial
Convolvulaceae



Conyza bonariensis
South American Horseweed
Introduced Annual
Asteraceae



Coronopus didymus
Wart Cress
Introduced Annual
Brassicaceae



Cotula coronopifolia
Brass Buttons
Introduced Perennial
Asteraceae



Crassula connata
Sand Pygmy Weed
Native Annual
Crassulaceae



Dichelostemma congestum
Ookow
Native Perennial
Liliaceae



Dipsacus sativus
Wild Teasel
Introduced Biennial
Dipsacaceae



Dryopteris arguta
Coastal Wood Fern
Native Perennial
Dryopteridaceae



Erodium cicutarium
Red-stem Filaree
Introduced Annual
Geraniaceae



Eschscholzia californica
California Poppy
Native Perennial
Papaveraceae



Eucalyptus globulus
Blue Gum
Introduced Perennial
Myrtaceae



Euphorbia pepus
Petty Spurge
Introduced Annual
Euphorbiaceae



Foeniculum vulgare
Sweet Fennel
Introduced Perennial
Apiaceae



Galium aparine
Goosegrass Bedstraw
Native Annual
Rubiaceae



Galium porrigens var. *porrigens*
Climbing Bedstraw
Native Perennial
Rubiaceae



Genista monspessulana
French Broom
Introduced Perennial
Fabaceae



Geranium dissectum
Purpletip Cut-leaf Geranium
Introduced Annual
Geraniaceae



Geranium molle
Hairy Dove's Foot Geranium
Introduced Annual
Geraniaceae



Gnaphalium californicum
California Everlasting
Native Biennial
Asteraceae



Gnaphalium luteo-album
Weedy Cudweed
Introduced Annual
Asteraceae



Helenium puberulum
Rosilla
Native Biennial
Asteraceae



Heracleum lanatum
Cow Parsnip
Native Perennial
Apiaceae



Heteromeles arbutifolia
Toyon
Native Perennial
Rosaceae



Heuchera micrantha
Small-flower Alumroot
Native Perennial
Saxifragaceae



Holodiscus discolor
Creambush / Ocean Spray
Native Perennial
Rosaceae



Hypochaeris glabra
Smooth Cat's-ear
Introduced Annual
Asteraceae



Hypochaeris radicata
Rough Cat's-ear
Introduced Perennial
Asteraceae



Kickxia elatine
Sharp Point Fluellin
Introduced Annual
Scrophulariaceae



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



Lepidium strictum
Prostrate Peppergrass
Introduced Annual
Brassicaceae



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



Lotus corniculatus
Bird's-foot Deerweed
Introduced Perennial
Fabaceae



Lotus scoparius var. *scoparius*
Deerweed
Native Perennial
Fabaceae



Lupinus succulentus
Arroyo Lupine
Native Annual
Fabaceae



Lythrum hyssopifolium
Grass Poly Loosestrife
Introduced Annual-Perennial
Lythraceae



Malva nicaeensis
Bull Mallow
Introduced Annual
Malvaceae



Marrubium vulgare
Common Horehound
Introduced Perennial
Lamiaceae



Medicago polymorpha
California Bur Clover
Introduced Annual
Fabaceae



Melilotus alba
White Sweet Clover
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Fabaceae



Melilotus indica
Sour Clover
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Fabaceae



Mimulus aurantiacus
Bush Monkey Flower
Native Perennial
Scrophulariaceae



Mimulus guttatus
Golden Monkey Flower
Native Perennial
Scrophulariaceae



Myosotis latifolia
Forget-me-not
Introduced Perennial
Boraginaceae



Nicotiana glauca
Tree Tobacco
Introduced Perennial
Solanaceae



Oxalis corniculata
Creeping Wood Sorrel
Introduced Perennial
Oxalidaceae



Oxalis pes-caprae
Bermuda Buttercup
Introduced Perennial
Oxalidaceae



Pentagramma triangularis ssp. *triangularis*
Goldenback Fern
Native Perennial
Pteridaceae



Pholistoma auritum var. *auritum*
Blue Fiesta Flower
Native Annual
Hydrophyllaceae



Physocarpus capitatus
Pacific Ninebark
Native Perennial
Rosaceae



Picris echioides
Bristly Ox-tongue
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Asteraceae



Plantago coronopus
Cut-leaf Plantain
Native Annual-Biennial
Plantaginaceae



Plantago lanceolata
English Plantain
Introduced Annual
Plantaginaceae



Plantago major
Common Plantain
Introduced Annual-Perennial
Plantaginaceae



Platanus racemosa
Western Sycamore
Native Perennial
Platanaceae



Polypodium calirhiza
Polyody Fern
Native Perennial
Polypodiaceae



Portulaca oleracea
Common Purslane
Introduced Perennial
Portulacaceae



Pteridium aquilinum var. *pubescens*
Bracken Fern
Native Perennial
Dennstaedtiaceae



Quercus agrifolia var. *agrifolia*
Coast Live Oak
Native Perennial
Fagaceae



Raphanus sativus
Wild Radish
Introduced Annual
Brassicaceae



Ribes menziesii
Canyon Gooseberry
Native Perennial
Grossulariaceae



Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum
White Water Cress
Native Perennial
Brassicaceae



Rosa californica
California Wild Rose
Native Perennial
Rosaceae



Rubus discolor
Himalayan Blackberry
Introduced Perennial
Rosaceae



Rubus ursinus
Native California Blackberry
Native Perennial
Rosaceae



Rumex acetosella
Sheep Sorrel
Introduced Perennial
Polygonaceae



Rumex crispus
Curly Dock
Introduced Perennial
Polygonaceae



Sambucus mexicana
Blue Elderberry
Native Perennial
Caprifoliaceae



Sanicula crassicaulis
Pacific Woodland Sanicle
Native Perennial
Apiaceae



Satureja douglasii
Yerba Buena
Native Perennial
Lamiaceae



Sequoia sempervirens
Coast Redwood
Native Perennial
Taxodiaceae



Silybum marianum
Milk Thistle
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Asteraceae



Sisymbrium officinale
Hedge Mustard
Introduced Annual
Brassicaceae



Sisyrinchium bellum
Blue-eyed Grass
Native Perennial
Iridaceae



Smilacina stellata
Starry False Solomon's Seal
Native Perennial
Liliaceae



Sonchus asper ssp. asper
Prickly Sow Thistle
Introduced Annual
Asteraceae



Sonchus oleraceus
Common Sow Thistle
Introduced Annual
Asteraceae



Spergula arvensis ssp. *arvensis*
Stickwort
Introduced Annual
Caryophyllaceae



Stellaria media
Common Chickweed
Introduced Annual
Caryophyllaceae



Symphoricarpos albus var. *laevigatus*
Bush / Common Snowberry
Native Perennial
Caprifoliaceae



Taraxacum officinale
Common Dandelion
Introduced Biennial-Perennial
Asteraceae



Torilis arvensis
Hedge Parsley
Introduced Annual
Apiaceae



Toxicodendron diversilobum
Poison Oak
Native Perennial
Anacardiaceae



Tragopogon porrifolius
Purple Salsify
Introduced Biennial-Perennial
Asteraceae



Trifolium fragiferum
Strawberry Clover
Introduced Perennial
Fabaceae



Trifolium hirtum
Rose Clover
Introduced Annual
Fabaceae



Trifolium repens
White Clover
Introduced Perennial
Fabaceae



Trifolium subterraneum
Subterranean Clover
Introduced Annual
Fabaceae



Trifolium willdenovii
Tomcat Clover
Native Annual
Fabaceae



Trillium chloropetalum
Giant Trillium
Native Perennial
Liliaceae



Umbellularia californica
California Bay Laurel
Native Perennial
Lauraceae



Urtica dioica ssp. *holosericea*
Creek Stinging Nettle
Native Perennial
Urticaceae



Urtica urens
Dwarf Stinging Nettle
Introduced Annual
Urticaceae



Veronica persica
Persian Speedwell
Introduced Annual
Scrophulariaceae



Vinca major
Greater Periwinkle
Introduced Perennial
Apocynaceae



Xanthium strumarium
Cocklebur
Native Annual
Asteraceae