



Brown's Island Wildflowers

A photographic guide to
showy wildflowers of
Brown's Island
Regional Preserve

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.

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| 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



Pacific Water Parsley
Oenanthe sarmentosa
Native Perennial
Carrot Family



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



Japanese Honeysuckle
Lonicera japonica
Introduced Perennial
Honeysuckle Family



Field Mint
Mentha arvensis
Native Perennial
Mint Family



Slender Peren. Peppergrass
Lepidium latifolium
Introduced Perennial
Mustard Family



Small-flower Nightshade
Solanum americanum
Native Annual-Perennial
Nightshade Family



White Sweet Clover
Melilotus alba
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Pea Family



Himalayan Blackberry
Rubus discolor
Introduced Perennial
Rose Family



Native California Blackberry
Rubus ursinus
Native Perennial
Rose Family



Yarrow
Achillea millefolium
Native Perennial
Sunflower Family



Douglas/Salt Marsh Baccharis
Baccharis douglasii
Native Perennial
Sunflower Family



Mulefat
Baccharis salicifolia
Native Perennial
Sunflower Family



Sweet Fennel
Foeniculum vulgare
Introduced Perennial
Carrot Family



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



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



Golden Monkey Flower
Mimulus guttatus
Native Perennial
Snapdragon Family



Yellow Star Thistle
Centaurea solstitialis
Introduced Annual
Sunflower Family



Western Goldenrod
Euthamia occidentalis
Native Perennial
Sunflower Family



Narrowleaf Pacific Gumplant
Grindelia stricta var. angustifolia
Native Perennial
Sunflower Family



Fleshy Jaumea
Jaumea carnosa
Native Perennial
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



California Loosestrife
Lythrum californicum
Native Perennial
Loosestrife Family



Pennyroyal
Mentha pulegium
Introduced Perennial
Mint Family



Wild Radish
Raphanus sativus
Introduced Annual
Mustard Family



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



California Wild Rose
Rosa californica
Native Perennial
Rose Family



Bull Thistle
Cirsium vulgare
Introduced Biennial
Sunflower Family



Milk Thistle
Silybum marianum
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Sunflower Family



Swamp / Water Knotweed
Polygonum amphibium var. *emersum*
Native Perennial
Buckwheat Family



Scarlet Pimpernel
Anagallis arvensis
Introduced Annual
Primrose Family