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A photographic guide to showy wildflowers of Leona Heights Regional Open Space

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 *Jepson* and other local references.

Scientific Name
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 *Jepson*.

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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California Buckeye Aesculus californica Native Perennial Buckeye Family



Common Yard Knotweed Polygonum arenastrum Introduced Annual Buckwheat Family



Poison Hemlock Conium maculatum Introduced Biennial Carrot Family



Cow Parsnip Heracleum lanatum Native Perennial Carrot Family



Dense-flower Willowherb

Epilobium densiflorum

Native Annual

Evening Primrose Family



Canyon Gooseberry Ribes menziesii Native Perennial Gooseberry Family



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



Blue Elderberry Sambucus mexicana Native Perennial Honeysuckle Family



Oakland Star Tulip

Calochortus umbellatus

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



White Water Cress

Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum

Native Perennial

Mustard 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



English Plantain Plantago lanceolata Introduced Annual Plantain 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



Pacific Ninebark

Physocarpus capitatus

Native Perennial

Rose 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



Blow Wives Achyrachaena mollis Native Annual Sunflower Family



Mayweed
Anthemis cotula
Introduced Annual
Sunflower Family



Common Fiddleneck

Amsinckia menziesii var. intermedia

Native Annual

Borage Family



Pacific Woodland Sanicle Sanicula crassicaulis Native Perennial Carrot Family



Western Leatherwood Dirca occidentalis Native Perennial Daphne Family



Golden Eggs Suncup Camissonia ovata Native Perennial Evening Primrose Family



Erect-pod Winter Cress

Barbarea orthoceras

Native Perennial

Mustard Family



Black Mustard Brassica nigra Introduced Annual Mustard Family



French Broom

Genista monspessulana
Introduced Perennial
Pea Family



California Bur Clover Medicago polymorpha Introduced Annual Pea Family



Sour Clover Melilotus indica Introduced Annual-Biennial Pea Family



Shamrock Clover Trifolium dubium Introduced Annual Pea Family



Bush Monkey Flower Mimulus aurantiacus Native Perennial Snapdragon Family



Golden Monkey Flower

Mimulus guttatus

Native Perennial

Snapdragon Family



Pineapple Weed

Chamomilla suaveolens

Introduced Annual

Sunflower Family



Golden Yarrow

Eriophyllum confertiflorum var. confertiflorum

Native Perennial

Sunflower Family



Smooth Cat's-ear Hypochaeris glabra Introduced Annual Sunflower Family



Rough Cat's-ear Hypochaeris radicata Introduced Perennial 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 Dandelion

Taraxacum officinale

Introduced Biennial-Perennial

Sunflower Family



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



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



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 Vine Honeysuckle Lonicera hispidula var. vacillans Native Perennial Honeysuckle Family



Giant Trillium Trillium chloropetalum Native Perennial Lily Family



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



Wild Radish Raphanus sativus Introduced Annual Mustard Family



Pale Purple Pacific Pea

Lathyrus vestitus var. vestitus

Native Perennial

Pea Family



Rose Clover Trifolium hirtum Introduced 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



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

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Forget-me-not Myosotis latifolia
Introduced Perennial Borage Family



Greater Periwinkle Vinca major Introduced Perennial Dogbane Family



Narrow-leaf Flax Linum bienne Introduced Perennial Flax Family



Blue-eyed Grass Sisyrinchium bellum Native Perennial Iris Family



Blue Dicks Dichelostemma capitatum ssp. capitatum Native Perennial Lily Family



American Brooklime Speedwell Veronica americana Native Perennial Snapdragon Family



California Poppy Eschscholzia californica Native Perennial Poppy Family



Scarlet Pimpernel Anagallis arvensis Introduced Annual Primrose Family



California Figwort

Scrophularia californica ssp. californica

Native Perennial

Snapdragon Family



Checker Lily
Fritillaria affinis var. affinis
Native Perennial
Lily Family