

# Capulin Volcano

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## Wildflowers



Wildflowers start appearing at Capulin Volcano in late March and bloom through mid-October. Depending on the amount of precipitation, the grasslands at the base of the volcano will either be covered in blooms in June or just have a few brightly colored patches of flowers. The following flowers are commonly seen when hiking trails around Capulin Volcano. For a complete list of wildflowers found here, see the back of this brochure.



**Dotted Gayfeather**  
(*Liatris punctata*)  
Blooming from August to September, this purple flower can be found in the prairie at the base of the volcano and is a favorite of bees. Another name for it is the blazing star.



**Prickly Poppy**  
(*Argemone hispida*)  
Blooming throughout the summer, this large white flower can be found at both the base and top of the volcano. Broken leaves exude a poisonous sap which deters animals from eating it.



**Wavyleaf Thistle**  
(*Cirsium undulatum*)  
Blooming throughout the summer, this purple flower can be seen near the base of the volcano in the prairie. Though several other thistles are non-native, this one is a native species.



**Indian Paintbrush**  
(*Castilleja integra*)  
Blooming from April to August, this orangy-red flower can be found at both the base and top of the volcano. A parasite of other plants, the orange parts of the flower are actually modified leaves called bracts.



**Plains Wallflower**  
(*Erysimum asperum*)  
Blooming from late April to July, this yellow flower can be found along the Boca and Lava Flow trails at the base of the volcano in the prairie.



**Beardlip Penstemon**  
(*Penstemon barbatus*)  
Blooming from June to August, this red flower can be found near the top of the volcano and is a favorite of hummingbirds.



**Plains Prickly Pear Cactus**  
(*Opuntia polyacantha*)  
Blooming in June and July, this yellow flower can be seen both at the base and top of the volcano. While the buds look pink, the flowers are yellow with a sometimes reddish tinge.



**Wood's Rose**  
(*Rosa woodsii*)  
Blooming in May and June, this pink flower is found in shaded areas near both the top of the volcano and along the Boca trail. A wild rose, its sweet scent is characteristic of other members of the rose family.



**Cowpen Daisy**  
(*Verbesina encelioides*)  
Blooming from late July to early October, these yellow flowers grow in clusters along the Lava Flow Trail and Volcano Road. A lover of disturbed areas, this member of the Aster family, can be found near cinder slides.



**Silvery Lupine**  
(*Lupinus argenteus*)  
Blooming from June to August, this purple flower can be seen in the prairie at the base of the volcano. A member of the pea family, it is a relation of the Texas bluebonnet, but a separate species.



**Plains Coneflower**  
(*Ratibida columnifera*)  
Blooming mid summer, these yellow flowers dot the prairie at the base of the volcano on a wet year. Occasionally the yellow petals will have a tinge of red.



**Common Mullein**  
(*Verbascum thapsus*)  
Blooming in July and August, this tall yellow flower spike with fuzzy leaves can be found throughout the park. A non-native species from Eurasia, steps are taken here to control its spread.

### Full List of Wildflowers Found at Capulin Volcano:

- Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium* *occidentalis*)
- Nodding Onion (*Allium cernuum*)
- Slim Amaranth (*Amaranthus hybridus*)
- Carelessweed (*Amaranthus palmeri*)
- Annual Ragweed (*Ambrosia artemisiifolia*)
- Weakleaf Bur Ragweed (*Ambrosia confertiflora*)
- Cuman Ragweed (*Ambrosia psilostachya*)
- Leadplant (*Amorpha canescens*)
- Candle Anemone (*Anemone cylindrica*)
- Pygmyflower Rockjasmine (*Androsace septentrinalis*)
- Smallleaf Pussytoes (*Antennaria parvifolia*)
- Spreading Dogbane (*Apocynum androsaemifolium*)
- Indianhemp (*Apocynum cannabinum*)
- Hairy Rockcress (*Arabis hirsuta*)
- Spreading Sandwort (*Arenaria lanuginosa*)
- Prickly Poppy (*Argemone hispida*)
- Carruth's Sagebrush (*Artemisia carruthii*)
- Dragon Wormwood (*Artemisia dracunculoides*)
- Prairie Sagebrush (*Artemisia frigida*)
- White Sagebrush (*Artemisia ludoviciana*)
- Plains Milkweed (*Asclepias pumila*)
- Field Milk-Vetch (*Astragalus agrestis*)
- Ragleaf Bahia (*Bahia dissecta*)
- Kochia (*Bassia scoparia*) EXOTIC
- Lyreleaf Greeneyes (*Berlandiera lyrata*)
- Stickseed (*Bidens bigelovii*)
- Spanish-Needles (*Bidens bipinnata*)
- Tassel-Flower Brickellbush (*Brickellia grandiflora*)
- False Boneset (*Brickellia eupatorioides*)
- Plumed Brickellbush (*Brickellia brachyphylla*)
- Purple Poppymallow (*Callirhoe involucrata*)
- Gunnison's Mariposa Lily (*Calochortus gunnisonii*)
- Wholeleaf Indian Paintbrush (*Castilleja integra*)
- Rose Heath (*Chaetopappa ericoides*)
- Fendler's Sandmat (*Chamaesyce fendleri fendleri*)
- Thymeleaf Sandmat (*Chamaesyce serpyllifolia*)
- Lamb's-Quarters (*Chenopodium album*) EXOTIC
- Fremont's Goosefoot (*Chenopodium fremontii*)
- Fetid Goosefoot (*Chenopodium graveolens*)
- Hians Goosefoot (*Chenopodium hians*)
- Narrowleaf Goosefoot (*Chenopodium leptophyllum*)
- Desert Goosefoot (*Chenopodium praericola*)
- Chicory (*Cichorium intybus*) EXOTIC
- Wavyleaf Thistle (*Cirsium undulatum*)
- Hairy Clematis (*Clematis hirsutissima*)
- Rocky Mountain Clematis (*Clematis psuedoalpina*)
- Field Bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*) EXOTIC
- Canadian Horsetweed (*Conyza canadensis*)
- Golden Smoke (*Corydalis aurea*)
- Calcareous Cryptantha (*Cryptantha*

- thyriflora*)
- Golden Prairieclover (*Dalea aurea*)
- White Prairieclover (*Dalea candida oligophylla*)
- Purple Prairieclover (*Dalea purpurea purpurea*)
- Bigelow's False Tansyaster (*Dieteria biglovii*)
- Hoary Tansyaster (*Dieteria canescens*)
- White Whilwort (*Draba reptans*)
- Fetid Marigold (*Dyssodia papposa*)
- Nylon Hedgehog Cactus (*Echinocereus viridiflorus*)
- Engelmann's Daisy (*Engelmannia peristenia*)
- Spreading Fleabane (*Erigeron divergens*)
- Trailing Fleabane (*Erigeron flagellaris*)
- Theenerve Fleabane (*Erigeron subtrinerivis*)
- James' Buckwheat (*Eriogonum jamesii jamesii*)
- Winged Eriogonum (*Eriogonum alatum*)
- Plains Wallflower (*Erysimum asperum*)
- Sanddune Wallflower (*Erysimum capitatum*)
- Shy Wallflower (*Erysimum inconspicuum*)
- David's Spurge (*Euphorbia davidii*)
- Horned Spurge (*Euphorbia brachycera*)
- Snow on the Mountain (*Euphorbia marginata*)
- Warty Spurge (*Euphorbia sptulata*)
- Showy Frasera (*Frasera speciosa*)
- Twinleaf Bedstraw (*Galium bifolium*)
- Three-Petal Bedstraw (*Galium trifidum*)
- Pleated Gentian (*Gentiana afinis*)
- Pineywoods Geranium (*Geranium caespitosum*)
- Richardson's Geranium (*Geranium richardsonii*)
- Sticky Gilia (*Gilia pinnatifida*)
- Dakota Mock Vervain (*Glandularia bipinnatiida*)
- American Licorice (*Glycyrrhiza lepidota*)
- Hairy Gumweed (*Grindelia hirsutula*)
- Curlytop Gumweed (*Grindelia nuda aphanactis*)
- Curlycup Gumweed (*Grindelia squarrosa*)
- Broom Snakweed (*Gurierrezia sarothrae*)
- New Mexico Stickseed (*Hackelia hirsuta*)
- Sneezeweed (*Helenium amarum*)
- Common Sunflower (*Helianthus annuus*)
- Stiff Sunflower (*Helianthus pauciflorus*)
- Longleaf Falsegoldeneye (*Heliomeris longifolia*)
- Showy Goldeneye (*Heliomeris multiflora*)
- Slimleaf Plainsmustard (*Hesperidanthus linearifolius*)
- Golden Aster (*Heterotheca villosa*)
- Hairy Goldenaster (*Heterotheca villosa*)
- Littleleaf Alumroot (*Heuchera parvifolia*)
- Bush Morningglory (*Ipomoea leptophylla*)
- Scarlet Gilia (*Ipomopsis aggregata candida*)
- Flatspine Stickseed (*Lappula occidentalis*)
- Dotted Blazing Star (*Liatris punctata*)
- Southern Flax (*Linum australe*)
- Blue Flax (*Linum lewisii*)
- Western Marbleseed (*Lithospermum molle occidentale*)
- Manyflowered Gromwell (*Lithospermum multilorum*)
- Silvery Lupine (*Lupinus aregenteus*)
- Nebraska Lupine (*Lupinus plattensis*)
- Rush Skeletonplant (*Lygodesmia jucea*)
- Tansyleaf Aster (*Machaeranthera tanacetifolia*)
- Starry False Solomon's Seal (*Maianthemum stellatum*)
- Horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*) EXOTIC
- Yellow Sweet-Clover (*Melilotus officinalis*)
- Manyflowered Mentzelia (*Mentzelia multiflora*)
- Bractless Blazingstar (*Mentzelia nuda stricta*)
- Prairie Bluebells (*Mertensia lanceolata*)
- Narrowleaf Four O'Clock (*Mirabilis linearis*)
- Smooth Spreadin Four O'Clock (*Mirabilis oxybaphoides*)
- Mintleaf Beebalm (*Monarda fistulosa menthifolia*)
- Wishbone Fiddleleaf (*Nama dichotoma*)
- Tufted Evening Primrose (*Oenothera caespitosa*)
- Crownleaf Evening Primrose (*Oenothera coronopifolia*)
- Hooker's Evening Primrose (*Oenothera elata hirsutissima*)
- Trumpet Evening Primrose (*Oenothera jamesii*)
- Scarlet Evening-Primrose (*Oenothera suffrutescens*)
- Clustered Broomrape (*Orobanche fasciculata*)
- Manyflowered Broomrape (*Orobanche ludoviciana muliiora*)
- Yellow Owlclover (*Orthocarpus luteus*)
- Silvery Lupine (*Oxytropis sericea*)
- Fendler's Ragwort (*Packera fedleri*)
- Lobeleaf Groundsel (*Packera multilobata*)
- New Mexico Groundsel (*Packera neomexicanus inutabilis*)
- Falsegold Groundsel (*Packera paeudaurea flavula*)
- Lemonscent (*Pectis angustifolia*)
- Broadbeard Beardtongue (*Penstemon angustifolia*)
- Beardlip Penstemon (*Penstemon barbaus*)
- James' Beardtongue (*Penstemon jamesii*)
- Varileaf Phacelia (*Pericome caudata*)
- Rocky Mountain Scorpionweed (*Phacelia denticulata*)
- Mountain Leaf-tail (*Phacelia heterophylla*)
- Longleaf Groundcherry (*Physalis longifolia*)
- New Mexican Groundcherry (*Physalis neomexicana*)
- Oppositeleaf Bahia (*Picradeniopsis opositifolia*)
- Woolly Plantain (*Plantago patagonica*)
- Sandysced Clammyweed (*Polanisia dodecandra trachysperma*)
- Common Purslane (*Portulaca oleracea*)
- Woolly Cinquefoil (*Potentilla hippiana*)
- Pennsylvania Cinquefoil (*Potentilla pensylvanica*)
- Cotton-Batting-Plant (*Pseudognaphalium stramineum*)
- Lemon Scurfpea (*Psoralidium lanceolatum*)
- Slimflower Scurfpea (*Psoralidium tenuiflorum*)
- Cutleaf Anemone (*Pulsatilla patens muitifida*)
- Upright Prairie Coneflower (*Ratibida columniera*)
- Green Prairie Coneflower (*Ratibida*

- tagetes*)
- Mexican Dock (*Rumex salicifolius mexicanus*)
- Prickly Russian-Thistle (*Salsola tragus*) EXOTIC
- Lanceleaf Sage (*Salvia reflexa*)
- Threadleaf Ragwort (*Senecio flaccidus faccidus*)
- Broom Groundsel (*Senecio spartioides*)
- Drummond's Campion (*Silene drummondii*)
- White Capion (*Selene pratensis*)
- New Mexican Nightshade (*Solanum heterodoxum novomexicanum*)
- Hoe Nightshade (*Solanum physalifolium*)
- Buffalobur Nightsade (*Solanum rostratum*)
- Cutleaf Nightshade (*Solanum triflorum*)
- Tall Goldenrod (*Solidago altissima*)
- Canada Goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis scabra*)
- Capulin Goldenrod (*Solidago capulinensis*)
- Velvety Goldenrod (*Solidago mollis*)
- Threenerve Goldenrod (*Solidago velutina*)
- Scarlet Globemallow (*Sphaeralcea coccinea*)
- Narrowleaf Wirelettuce (*Stphanomeria minor*)
- Eaton's Aster (*Symphyotrichum eatonii*)
- Fendler's Aster (*Symphyotrichum fendleri*)
- Dandelion (*Taraxacum erythrospermum*) EXOTIC
- Hopi Tea Greenthread (*Thelesperma megapotamicum*)
- Golden Pea (*Thermopsis rhombifolia*)
- Branched Noseburn (*Tragia ramosa*)
- Yellow Salsify (*Tragopogon dubius*) EXOTIC
- Meadow Salsify (*Tragopogon pratensis*) EXOTIC
- Great Mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*) EXOTIC
- MacDougal Verbena (*Verbena macdougalii*)
- Golden Crownbeard (*Verbesina encelioides*)
- American Vetch (*Vicia americana*)
- Larkspur Violet (*Viola pedatifida*)
- Lacy Sleepy Daisy (*Xanthisma spinulosum*)
- Canada Cocklebur (*Xanthium srumarium canadense*)
- Soapweed Yucca (*Yucca glauca*)
- Spanish Bayonet (*Yucca harrimaniae*)
- Rocky Mountain Zinnia (*Zinnia grandiflora*)



**Hedgehog Cactus**  
(*Echinocereus viridiflorus*)