

Alpine Wildflowers



SPRING BEAUTY, ALPINE
Claytonia megarhiza



CLOVER, ALPINE OR WHIPROOT
Trifolium desphyllum



SENECIO, FREMONT'S
Senecio fremontii



GROUNDSEL, WOOLLY
Senecio canus



IVESIA, GORDON'S
Ivesia gordonii



POTENTILLA, EARLY
Potentilla concinna



SAXIFRAGE, TUFTED
Saxifraga caespitosa



LOUSEWORT, PARRY'S
Pedicularis parryi



ANGELICA, GRAY'S
Angelica grayi



GENTIAN, ALPINE GREEN
Frasera speciosa



DAISY, LARGE-FLOWERED
Erigeron grandiflorus



Crested Butte
Wildflower Festival

The Handy Dandy Alpine Wildflower Guide

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A PHOTO GUIDE TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFYING
WILDFLOWERS AND SHRUBS BLOOMING NEAR
CRESTED BUTTE AND ABOVE TREE LINE
(APPROXIMATELY 11,500' ELEVATION)

The mission of the Crested Butte Wildflower Festival is to advocate for the preservation and appreciation of wildflowers in the Gunnison Valley and adjacent Wilderness Areas through exploration, education and identification of wildflowers and their role in our unique environment.

- We ask for and appreciate your respect by:
- Being especially careful in the fragile Alpine zone
 - Never picking ANY wildflowers
 - Keeping dogs on leash or under voice control
 - Not trespassing on private property
 - Driving at all posted speed limits

THANK YOU AND HAVE FUN OUT THERE!
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Alpine Shrubs



BUTTERCUP, ALPINE OR SNOW
Ranunculus adonis



BUTTERCUP, MACAULEY'S
Ranunculus macauleyi



SUNFLOWER, ALPINE
Hymenoxys grandiflora



HAWKSBEARD, DWARF
Crepis nana



AVENS, ALPINE
Geum rossii



CINQUEFOIL, VARILEAF
Potentilla diversifolia



TWINPOD, AVERY PEAK
Physaria alpina



SIBBALDIA
Sibbaldia procumbens



BILBERRY, DWARF
Vaccinium cespitosum



WILLOW, ARCTIC
Salix arctica



ARNICA, RYDBERG'S
Arnica rydbergii



ASTER, GOLDEN
Heterotheca pumila



GROUNDSEL, ROCK
Senecio wernerifolius



GROUNDSEL, ALPINE
Senecio soldanella



WALLFLOWER
Erysimum capitatum



PARSLEY, ALPINE
Oreoxis alpina



NAILWORT, ALPINE
Paronychia pulvinata



DUSTY MAIDEN, ALPINE
Chaenactis alpina



DRYAD, MOUNTAIN
Dryas octopetala

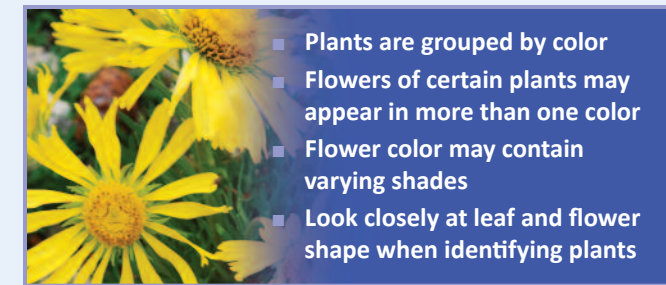


WILLOW, SNOW
Salix reticulata nivalis

About this Guide

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The Handy Dandy Alpine Wildflower Guide is a continuing collective work in progress and serves as an educational tool in assisting alpine wildflower identification. Alpine wildflowers and shrubs are found above tree line, at approximately 11,500 feet in elevation, on alpine meadows, ridges and peaks. Typically, they bloom from late June through early August. For each plant, the regional common and botanical names are provided, using the most current taxonomy and references specific to the Crested Butte area.



FORGET-ME-NOT, ALPINE
Eritrichum aretioides



SKYPILOT
Polemonium viscosum



PENSTEMON, SCREE
Penstemon harbourii



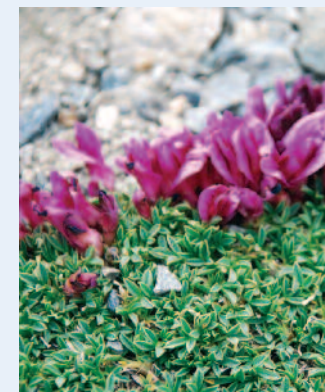
BLUEBELLS, ALPINE
Mertensia lanceolata



ALPLILY
Lloydia serotina



PENSTEMON, WHIPPLE'S
Penstemon whippleanus



CLOVER, DWARF ALPINE
Trifolium nanum



CLOVER, PARRY'S
Trifolium parryi



DAISY, BLACKHEADED
Erigeron melanocephalus



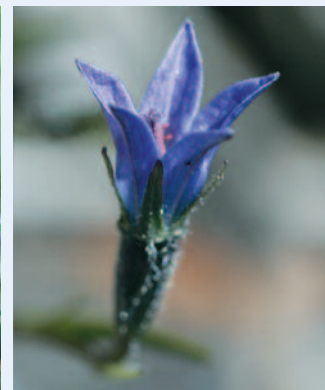
PHLOX, ALPINE
Phlox condensata



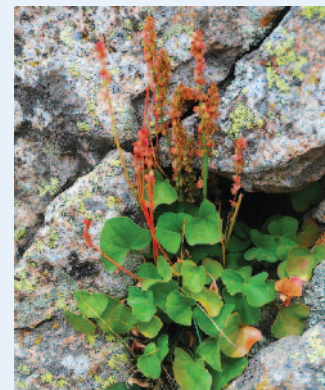
VALERIAN, ALPINE
Valeriana acutiloba



HAREBELL, ALPINE
Campanula uniflora



PHACELIA, SILKY
Phacelia sericea



SORREL, ALPINE
Oxyria digyna



PRIMROSE, PARRY'S
Primula parryi



DAISY, LARGE-FLOWERED
Erigeron grandiflorus



DAISY, ONE-FLOWER
Erigeron simplex



TOWNSENDIA, ROCKY MOUNTAIN
Townsendia rothrockii



SMELOWSKIA
Smelowskia calycina



SAXIFRAGE, SNOWBALL
Saxifraga rhomboidea



SAXIFRAGE, SPOTTED
Saxifraga bronchialis

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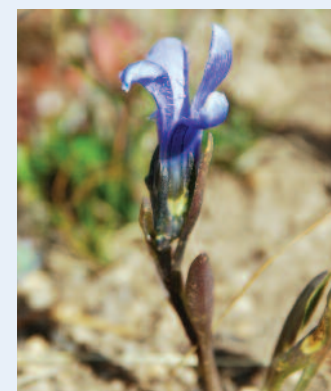
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GENTIAN, TWISTED
Gentianopsis barbellata



GENTIAN, ROCKY MOUNTAIN
Gentianopsis detonsa



KITTENTAIL, ALPINE
Besseyia alpina



GENTIAN, ARCTIC
Gentiana algida



CAMPION, MOSS
Silene acaulis



DAISY, CUTLEAF
Erigeron compositus



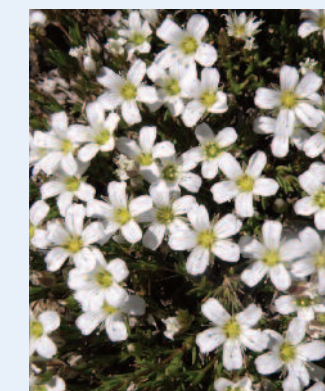
DAISY, PINNATE-LEAF
Erigeron pinnatisectus



CHICKWEED, ALPINE
Cerastium beeringianum



JASMINE, DWARF ROCK
Androsace chamaejasme



SANDWORT, ARCTIC
Arenaria obtusiloba



COLUMBINE, COLORADO
Aquilegia coerulea