



Vargas Plateau Wildflowers

A photographic guide to
showy wildflowers of
Vargas Plateau
Regional Park

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 <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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Valley Popcorn Flower
Plagiobothrys canescens
Native Annual
Borage Family



California Buckeye
Aesculus californica
Native Perennial
Buckeye Family



Common Yard Knotweed
Polygonum arenastrum
Introduced Annual
Buckwheat Family



Mild Water Pepper
Polygonum hydropiperoides
Native Perennial
Buckwheat Family



Poison Hemlock
Conium maculatum
Introduced Biennial
Carrot Family



Hillside Gooseberry
Ribes californicum var. *californicum*
Native Perennial
Gooseberry Family



Common / California Manroot
Marah fabaceus
Native Perennial
Gourd Family



Blue Elderberry
Sambucus mexicana
Native Perennial
Honeysuckle Family



White Fairy Lantern
Calochortus albus
Native Perennial
Lily Family



White Butterfly Mariposa Lily
Calochortus venustus
Native Perennial
Lily Family



Common Soap Plant
Chlorogalum pomeridianum var. *pomeridianum*
Native Perennial
Lily Family



Common Muilla
Muilla maritima
Native Perennial
Lily Family



Common Horehound
Marrubium vulgare
Introduced Perennial
Mint Family



Shortstem Morning Glory
Calystegia subacaulis ssp. *subacaulis*
Native Perennial
Morning-Glory Family



Field Bindweed
Convolvulus arvensis
Introduced Perennial
Morning-Glory Family



Milkmaids
Cardamine californica
Native Perennial
Mustard Family



White Water Cress
Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum
Native Perennial
Mustard Family



Blue Gum
Eucalyptus globulus
Introduced Perennial
Myrtle Family



Subterranean Clover
Trifolium subterraneum
Introduced Annual
Pea Family



Mouse-ear Chickweed
Cerastium glomeratum
Introduced Annual
Pink Family



Windmill Pink
Silene gallica
Introduced Annual
Pink Family



Stickwort
Spargula arvensis ssp. arvensis
Introduced Annual
Pink Family



Common Chickweed
Stellaria media
Introduced Annual
Pink Family



California Dwarf Plantain
Plantago erecta
Native Annual
Plantain 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



Oso Berry
Oemleria cerasiformis
Native Perennial
Rose Family



Western Chokecherry
Prunus virginiana var. *demissa*
Native Perennial
Rose Family



Native California Blackberry
Rubus ursinus
Native Perennial
Rose Family



Small-flower Alumroot
Heuchera micrantha
Native Perennial
Saxifrage Family



Valley Tassels
Castilleja attenuata
Native Annual
Snapdragon Family



Yarrow
Achillea millefolium
Native Perennial
Sunflower Family



Blow Wives
Achyrachaena mollis
Native Annual
Sunflower Family



Slender Cottonweed
Micropus californicus var. *californicus*
Native Annual
Sunflower Family



Common Water Plantain
Alisma plantago-aquatica
Native Perennial
Water-Plantain Family



Common Fiddleneck
Amsinckia menziesii var. *intermedia*
Native Annual
Borage Family



California Buttercup
Ranunculus californicus
Native Perennial
Buttercup Family



Sweet Fennel
Foeniculum vulgare
Introduced Perennial
Carrot Family



Pacific Woodland Sanicle
Sanicula crassicaulis
Native Perennial
Carrot Family



Golden Eggs Suncup
Camissonia ovata
Native Perennial
Evening Primrose Family



Yellow Mariposa Lily
Calochortus luteus
Native Perennial
Lily Family



Black Mustard
Brassica nigra
Introduced Annual
Mustard Family



Yellow Charlock
Sinapis arvensis
Introduced Annual
Mustard Family



Bermuda Buttercup
Oxalis pes-caprae
Introduced Perennial
Oxalis Family



California Lotus
Lotus wrangelianus
Native Annual
Pea Family



Gully Lupine
Lupinus microcarpus var. *densiflorus*
Native Annual
Pea Family



California Bur Clover
Medicago polymorpha
Introduced Annual
Pea Family



Sour Clover
Melilotus indica
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Pea Family



Hop Clover
Trifolium campestre
Introduced Annual
Pea Family



Shamrock Clover
Trifolium dubium
Introduced Annual
Pea Family



Seaside / Coastal Paintbrush
Castilleja wightii
Native Perennial
Snapdragon Family



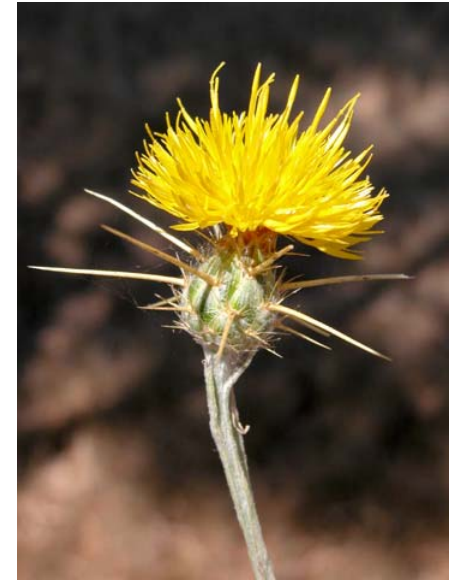
Sharp Point Fluvellin
Kickxia elatine
Introduced Annual
Snapdragon Family



Bush Monkey Flower
Mimulus aurantiacus
Native Perennial
Snapdragon Family



Golden Monkey Flower
Mimulus guttatus
Native Perennial
Snapdragon Family



Yellow Star Thistle
Centaurea solstitialis
Introduced Annual
Sunflower Family



Pineapple Weed
Chamomilla suaveolens
Introduced Annual
Sunflower Family



Brass Buttons
Cotula coronopifolia
Introduced 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



Narrow-leaf Mule's Ear
Wyethia angustifolia
Native Perennial
Sunflower Family



Gray Mule's Ear
Wyethia helenioides
Native Perennial
Sunflower Family



Johnny-Jump-Up / Wild Pansy
Viola pedunculata
Native Perennial
Violet Family



Purple Sanicle
Sanicula bipinnatifida
Native Perennial
Carrot Family



Long-beaked Filaree
Erodium botrys
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 Dove's Foot Geranium
Geranium molle
Introduced Annual
Geranium Family



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



Ithuriel's Spear
Triteleia laxa
Native Perennial
Lily Family



Grass Poly Loosestrife
Lythrum hyssopifolium
Introduced Annual-Perennial
Loosestrife Family



Blue Field Madder
Sherardia arvensis
Introduced Annual
Madder Family



Bull Mallow
Malva nicaeensis
Introduced Annual
Mallow Family



Pennyroyal
Mentha pulegium
Introduced Perennial
Mint 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



Clustered Clover
Trifolium glomeratum
Introduced Annual
Pea Family



Pinpoint Clover
Trifolium gracilentum var. *gracilentum*
Native Annual
Pea Family



Rose Clover
Trifolium hirtum
Introduced Annual
Pea Family



Small-head Clover
Trifolium microcephalum
Native Annual
Pea Family



Tomcat Clover
Trifolium willdenovii
Native Annual
Pea Family



Spring Vetch
Vicia sativa ssp. *sativa*
Introduced Annual
Pea Family



Ruby Sand Spurry
Spergularia rubra
Introduced Annual-Perennial
Pink Family



Bellardia
Bellardia trixago
Introduced Annual
Snapdragon Family



Italian Thistle
Carduus pycnocephalus
Introduced Annual
Sunflower Family



Purple Star Thistle
Centaurea calcitrapa
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Sunflower Family



Bull Thistle
Cirsium vulgare
Introduced Biennial
Sunflower Family



Common Lessingia
Lessingia filaginifolia var. *filaginifolia*
Native Perennial
Sunflower Family



Milk Thistle
Silybum marianum
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Sunflower Family



Purple Salsify
Tragopogon porrifolius
Introduced Biennial-Perennial
Sunflower Family



Blue-eyed Grass
Sisyrinchium bellum
Native Perennial
Iris Family



Blue Dicks
Dichelostemma capitatum ssp. *capitatum*
Native Perennial
Lily Family



Blue Witch
Solanum umbelliferum
Native Perennial
Nightshade Family



Miniature Dove Lupine
Lupinus bicolor
Native Annual
Pea Family



Persian Speedwell
Veronica persica
Introduced Annual
Snapdragon Family



Blue Fiesta Flower
Pholistoma auritum var. *auritum*
Native Annual
Waterleaf Family



Red / Crimson Columbine
Aquilegia formosa
Native Perennial
Buttercup 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