

COMMON WILDFLOWERS OF THE COAST TO CREST AND CHINA GULCH TRAILS

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Current scientific name	Common name	Current family	Blooms	Habitat	Notes, Location
<i>Adelinia grandis</i>	Grand Hounds Tongue	Boraginaceae	May-Jul	Shady woods	MCCT at Gunsight Pass
<i>Eriodictyon californicum</i>	Yerba Santa	Hydrophyllaceae/ Namaceae	May-Jul	Dry rocky slopes and ridges	Turkey Hill Campground
<i>Nemophila menziesii</i>	Baby Blue-eyes	Hydrophyllaceae	Mar-May	Moist fields, slopes	MCCT @ Log Boom
<i>Lupinus benthamii</i>	Bentham's Lupine, Spider Lupine	Hydrophyllaceae	Mar-Jun	Roadbanks, slopes	Sony Creek Road, east of the Beauna Vista Road Intersection
<i>Lupinus bicolor</i>	Miniature Lupine	Hydrophyllaceae	Mar-Jun	Slopes, gravel	Common
<i>Lupinus nanus</i>	Sky Lupine, Douglas's Lupine	Hydrophyllaceae	Apr-May	Slopes, grassy	
<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>	Blue-eyed Grass	Iridaceae	Feb-Jul	Grassland	
<i>Salvia sonomensis</i>	Sonoma sage, Creeping sage	Lamiaceae	May-Jun	Slopes, chaparral	McAfee Gulch
<i>Trichostema lanceolatum</i>	Wooly Blue Curls, Vinegar Weeds	Lamiaceae	Jun-Oct	Waste places	
<i>Penstemon azureus</i>	Azure Penstemon	Plantaginaceae	May-Jul	Slopes, dry	Gunsight Pass
<i>Veronica peregrina</i> ssp. <i>Xalapensis</i>	Hairy Purslane Speedwell	Plantaginaceae	April-Aug	Grassland	Mokelumne Office
<i>Gilia capitata</i>	Capitate Gilia, Ball-Headed Gilia	Polemoniaceae	Apr-Aug	Slopes, open	
<i>Gilia tricolor</i>	Bird's-eye Gilia	Polemoniaceae	Mar-Apr	Grassland, slopes	Common Wildermuth House
<i>Delphinium variegatum</i>	Royal Delphinium	Ranunculaceae	Mar-May	Grassland	Middle Bar Road
<i>Triteleia laxa</i>	Itheriel's Spear, Wally Basket	Themidaceae	Apr-Jun	Slopes, fields	Common Campo Seco Road
<i>Fritillaria micrantha</i>	Brown Bells	Liliaceae	April-June	Shady, dry slopes	Between the Lower Log Boom & Spanish Gulch

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<i>Psilocarphus brevissimus</i>	Woolly Marbles	Asteraceae	Apr-Jun	Vernal pool fringe	Sandretto Road
<i>Amsinckia intermedia</i>	Fiddleneck	Boraginaceae	Mar-Jun	Grassland	Common
<i>Erysimum capitatum</i>	Douglas Wallflower	Brassicaceae	Mar-Jul	Slopes, rocky	
<i>Lysimachia arvensis</i>	Scarlet Pimpernel, Poor Man's Weather Glass	Myrsinaceae	Mar-Jul	Open areas, disturbed areas	Sometimes flowers are blue or white
<i>Eschscholzia caespitosa</i>	Tuffed Poppy	Papaveraceae	Slopes, dry	Between Spanish Gulch & Patti's Point	
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	California Poppy	Papaveraceae	Feb-Nov	Grassland, slopes	Common
<i>Petrorhagia prolifera</i>	Wild carnation, Prolific Pink	Caryophyllaceae	May-Jun	Woodlands	Alien
<i>Silene californica</i>	Indian Pink	Caryophyllaceae	Mar-Aug	Slopes, brushy	Gwin Mine Road
<i>Trifolium depauperatum</i>	Cow's Udder Clover, Balloon Clover	Fabaceae	Mar-Jun	Moist	Common
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red Clover Rose Clover	Fabaceae	April-Aug	Cooler, moister places	Common
<i>Trifolium wildenovii</i>	Tomcat Clover	Fabaceae	Mar-Jul	Slopes, grassy, roadbanks	
<i>Trifolium variegatum</i>	Cow Clover, White-Tipped Clover	Fabaceae	May-Sep	Moist	Common Lawry Flat

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<i>Centaurium tenuiflorum</i>	Slender Centaury	Gentianaceae	May-Aug	Moist open places	
<i>Erodium botrys</i>	Storksbill, Filaree, Scissors	Geraniaceae	Feb-May	Grassland	Very Common
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-Leaved Geranium, Cranesbill	Geraniaceae	All Year	Disturbed areas	Common, Alien
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Doves-Foot Geranium, Soft	Geraniaceae	Apr-Sep	Waste places	Common
<i>Monardella odoratissima</i>	Coyote Mint, Pennyroyal	Lamiaceae	Jun-Sep	Rocky	
<i>Malacothamnus fremontii</i>	Woody Mallow, Bush Mallow	Malvaceae	April-Sept	Slopes, dry	McAfee Gulch
<i>Lewisia rediviva</i>	Bitterroot	Montiaceae	Mar-Jul	Rocky, gravelly flats	Old Burson Road at the aqueduct
<i>Clarkia biloba</i>	Farewell to Springs	Onagraceae	May-Jun	Slopes	Common Stony Creek Landing
<i>Clarkia purpurea</i> ssp. <i>quadrivulnera</i>	Winecup clarkia	Onagraceae	Apr-Jul	Slopes	
<i>Castilleja exserta</i>	Purple Owl's Clover, Escobita	Orobanchaceae	Mar-May	Grassland	
<i>Dicentra uniflora</i>	Steer's head	Papaveraceae	Feb-Jun	Gravel	
<i>Diplacus tricolor</i>	Tricolor Monkey Flower	Phrymaceae	Apr-Jun	Damp	Camanche Creek
<i>Leptosiphon bicolor</i>	True Baby Stars	Polemoniaceae	Apr-Jun	Open places	Wildermuth House
<i>Plectritis ciliosa</i>	Plectritis	Valerianaceae	Mar-May	Slopes/woodl and, open	
<i>Erigeron foliosus</i> var. <i>hartwegii</i>	Fleabane Leafy Daisy	Asteraceae	May-Aug	Open, brushy & usually rocky slopes	Longest Mile

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<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	Henbit, Dead Nettle, Giraffe Head	Lamiaceae	Mar-Aug	Disturbed areas	Alien
<i>Sanicula bipinnatifida</i>	Purple Sanicle Shoe Buttons	Apiaceae	March-May	Open slopes	Common
<i>Collinsia heterophylla</i>	Chinese Houses	Plantaginaceae	Mar-Jul	Shady places	Between the Lower Log Boom & Spanish Gulch
<i>Primula hendersonii</i>	Henderson's Shooting Star	Primulaceae	Feb-May	Grassland	Common
<i>Delphinium patens</i>	Spreading Larkspur	Ranunculaceae	Apr-May	Forest, edges	McAfee Gulch
<i>Solanum xanti</i>	Night Shade, Blue Witch	Solanaceae	Feb-June	Dry slopes	McAfee Gulch
<i>Brodiaea elegans</i>	Harvest Brodiaea	Themidaceae	May-Jul	Open fields	Very common
<i>Dipterostemon capitatus</i>	Blue Dicks	Themidaceae	Jan-May	Slopes, roadbanks	Very common
<i>Dichelostemma volubile</i>	Twining Lily, Twining Brodiaea	Themidaceae	Apr-Jun	Slopes, brushy	West of Spanish Gulch
<i>Streptanthus tortuosus</i>	Mountain Jewel Flower	Brassicaceae	April-Aug	Hot, rocky slopes	Patti's Point
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Spring Vetch	Fabaceae	Apr-Jul	Slopes, fields	Common
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	Winter Vetch	Fabaceae	Mar-Jul	Slopes, fields	
<i>Calandrinia menziensis</i>	Red Maids	Montiaceae	Feb-May	Fields	Very Common
<i>Castilleja foliolosa</i>	Woolly, Indian, or Fuzzy Paint-Brush	Orobanchaceae	Mar-Jun	Rocky, dry, roadbanks	East of Lawry Flat
<i>Epilobium canum</i> ssp. <i>latifolia</i>	California Fuchsia	Onagraceae	Aug-Sep	Dry slopes and ridges	
<i>Erythranthe cardinalis</i>	Crimson or Scarlet Monkey Flower	Phrymaceae	Apr-Oct	Spring Margins, wet	Ada Creek

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<i>Scrophularia californica</i>	California Figwort, Bee Plant	Scrophulariaceae	Feb-Aug	Moist thickets	Ada Creek
<i>Chlorogalum pomeridianum</i>	Wavy-Leaf Soap Plant	Agavaceae	Mar-Jul	Slopes, dry	Common
<i>Allium hyalinum</i>	Glassy Onion, White Paper Flower Onion	Alliaceae	Mar-Jun	Moist grassy slopes	Between Gunsight Pass and Spanish Gulch
<i>Anthriscus caucalis</i>	Bur Chervil, Begger's Lice	Apiaceae	April-June	Waste places	Common
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow	Asteraceae	Mar-Nov	Roadsides	Salt Gulch
<i>Anaphalis margaritaceae</i>	Pearly Everlasting	Asteraceae	Jun-Sep	Open woods	Pardee watershed chaparral
<i>Layia platyglossa</i>	Tidy-Tips	Asteraceae	Mar-Jun	Grassy flats	Camanche Creek, Salt Gulch
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Chickweed	Caryophyllaceae	Mar-Jul	Moist places	Common
<i>Phacelia circutaria</i>	Caterpillar Phacelia	Hydrophyllaceae	Mar-May	Dry rocky banks	Common
<i>Plagiobothrys nothofulvus</i>	Valley Popcorn Flower	Boraginaceae	Mar-May	Grassland	Common
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's Purse	Brassicaceae	All year	Grassland	Camanche Creek
<i>Cardamine californica</i>	Milkmaids	Brassicaceae	Feb-May	Shady woods	Between Middle Bar & Highway 49
<i>Raphanus sativus</i>	Wild Radish	Brassicaceae	Feb-Jul	Waste areas and fields	Common
<i>Thysanocarpus curvipes</i>	Lace Pod, Fringepod	Brassicaceae	Feb-Jun	Grassy or bushy places	Camanche Creek
<i>Thysanocarpus radians</i>	Spokepod	Brassicaceae	Mar-May	Grassland, moist	Camanche Creek
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	Sticky Mouse Ears Sticky Chickweed	Caryophyllaceae	Feb-Jun	Grassland	Camanche Creek

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<i>Marah horridus</i>	Wild Cucumber, Man Root, Big- Root	Cucurbitaceae	Feb-Apr	Slopes, dry	Common
<i>Marah watsonii</i>	Taw Manroot Wild Cucumber	Cucurbitaceae	March- April	Chaparral, Foothill Woodlands	Common
<i>Lupinus microcarpus</i> var. <i>densiflorus</i>	White Lupine, Chick Lupine, Whorled Lupine	Fabaceae	Apr-Jul	Grassland, roadsides	
<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>	California Mock Orange, Syringia	Hydrangeaceae	May-July	Rocky slopes & canyons	
<i>Calochortus albus</i>	Fairy Lantern, Globe Lily	Liliaceae	Apr-Jun	Shady thickets	Gwin Mine Road
<i>Calochortus venustus</i>	White Mariposa Lily	Liliaceae	May-Jul	Slopes, dry, roadbanks	Common
<i>Limnanthes douglasii</i> <i>ssp. striata</i>	Meadow Foam	Limnanthaceae	Apr-Jun	Moist ditches	Sandretto Road
<i>Limnanthes floccosa</i>	Woolly Meadow Foam	Limnanthaceae	Mar-May	Slopes	Longest Mile
<i>Claytonia perfoliata</i>	Miner's Lettuce	Montiaceae	Jan-Jul	Shaded moist places	Common
<i>Castilleja attenuata</i>	Valley Tassels	Orobanchaceae	Mar-Jun	Grassland	Flowers white or yellow
<i>Keckiella breviflora</i> var. <i>breviflora</i>	Gaping Penstemon, Yawning Penstemon	Plantaginaceae	May-June	Hot, rocky slopes	Between Spanish Gulch & Patti's Point
<i>Plantago erecta</i>	Dwarf Plantain	Plantaginaceae	Mar-Jun	Dry, grassland	Camanche Creek
<i>Leptosiphon ciliatus</i>	Wisker Brush	Polemoniacea	Apr-Aug	Open, dry	West of Patti's Point
<i>Primula clevelandii</i> var. <i>patula</i>	Lowland Shooting Star	Primulaceae	Mar-Apr	Grassland	Common

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<i>Clematis lasiantha</i>	Virgin's Bower	Ranunculaceae	Mar-Jun	Spreads over bushes in chaparral	Pardee watershed chaparral
<i>Ceanothus cuneatus</i>	Buckbrush	Rhamnaceae	Mar-May	Slopes, dry	Common
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Bedstraw	Rubiaceae	Mar-Jul	Slopes, shade	Common
<i>Ptelea crenulata</i>	Hop Tree, Western Hop Tree	Rutaceae	April-May	Open, dry	Patti's Point
<i>Lithophragma heterophylla</i>	Woodland Star	Saxifragaceae	Mar-May	Grassy places	Common
<i>Micranthes californica</i>	California Saxifrage	Saxifragaceae	Feb-Jun	Moist, shade	Pardee watershed
<i>Styrax redivivus</i>	Snowdrop Bush, Storax	Styracaceae	Apr-May	Rocky, dry	Gwin Mine Road
<i>Triteleia hyacinthina</i>	White Hyacinth, White Brodiaea	Themidaceae	Mar-Aug	Grassland	Camanche Creek
<i>Lomatium caruifolium</i>	Caraway Leaf, Lomatium	Apiaceae	Mar-May	Grassy places	Spanish Gulch
<i>Lomatium utriculatum</i>	Foothill Lomatium	Apiaceae	Feb-May	Slopes, grassy	Common
<i>Sanicula crassicaulis</i>	Gamble Weed, Pacific Snakeroot	Apiaceae	Mar-Jun	Slopes, shaded	
<i>Tauschia hartwegii</i>	Hartweg's Tauschia	Apiaceae	Mar-May	Slopes	Spanish Gulch
<i>Agoseris heterophylla</i>	Dandelion	Asteraceae	Apr-Jul	Grassland, slopes	Common
<i>Grindelia camporum</i>	Gumweed, Great Valley Gumplant	Asteraceae	May-Oct	Dry fields	Hwy 49 gate
<i>Hemizonia fitchii</i>	Fitch's Spikeweed	Asteraceae	May-Nov	Open slopes	Common
<i>Heterotheca grandiflora</i>	Telegraph Plant	Asteraceae	All year	Open spaces	Blooms mostly in autumn Camanche Ranger Office

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<i>Holocarpha virgata</i>	Sticky Tarweed	Asteraceae	Jun-Nov	Grassland	Common
<i>Lasthenia californica</i> <i>ssp.californica</i>	Goldfields	Asteraceae	Mar-May	Grassland and woodlands	Common Aqueduct and Camanche Creek
<i>Madia elegans</i>	Common Madia	Asteraceae	Feb-May	Grassland and valleys	Camanche South Shore Staging Area
<i>Matricaria discoidea</i>	Pineapple Weed	Asteraceae	All year	Disturbed places	Common
<i>Wyethia helenoides</i>	Gray Mules-Ears	Asteraceae	Mar-Jul	Open woodlands	Watertown & Campo Seco Roads
<i>Berberis aquifolium</i> var. <i>dictyota</i>	Mahonia, Barberry, Oregon Grape	Berberidaceae	Mar-May	Slopes, shaded	McAfee Gulch & between Patti's Point & Fletcher Gulch on MCCT
<i>Brassica rapa</i>	Field Mustard, Yellow Mustard	Brassicaceae	Jan-Jun	Cultivated fields, roadsides, waste areas	Common, Alien
<i>Lonicera interrupta</i>	Chaparral Honeysuckle	Caprifoliaceae	May-July	Dry slopes	Longest Mile
<i>Dudleya cymosa</i>	Canyon Dudleya, Rock Lettuce	Crassulaceae	Apr-Jul	Hot rocky cliffs	Spanish Gulch
<i>Sedella pumila</i>	Little Sedum, Golden Rock Fringe	Crassulaceae	Mar-Jun	Vernal pools, rocky soil	Camanche Creek
<i>Calochortus luteus</i>	Yellow Mariposa Lily, Gold Nuggets	Liliaceae	Apr-Jun	Grassland	Common Camanche Creek
<i>Triphysaria eriantha</i> ssp. <i>eriantha</i>	Butter and Eggs, Johnny-tuck	Orobanchaceae	Mar-May	Grassland	Common Camanche Creek
<i>Dendromecon rigida</i>	Bush Poppy, Tree Poppy	Papaveraceae	Apr-Jul	Slopes, dry	East of Lawry Flat

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<i>Eschscholzia lobbii</i>	Frying Pans, Lobb's Poppy	Papaveraceae	Mar-May	Open Grassy places	Camanche Creek
<i>Platystemon californicus</i>	Cream Cups	Papaveraceae	Mar-Jul	Grassland	Lower Log Boom
<i>Diplacus aurantiacus</i>	Bush Monkey Flower, Sticky Monkey Flower	Phrymaceae	Apr-Sep	Slopes, rocky	Common
<i>Erythranthe guttata</i>	Common Monkey Flower, Seep Spring Mk Fl	Phrymaceae	Mar-Sep	Wet	Common Hatchery
<i>Ranunculus canus</i>	Foothill Buttercup	Phrymaceae	Feb-May	Open, clay soil	
<i>Ranunculus occidentalis</i>	Western Buttercup	Ranunculaceae	Apr-Jun	Open, moist	
<i>Ranunculus californicus</i>	Common Buttercup, California Buttercup	Ranunculaceae	Feb-Jul	Slopes, moist	Common Lawry Flat
<i>Drymocallis glandulosa</i>	Cinquefoil	Rosaceae	May-Aug	Open areas	Aqueduct @ MCCT
<i>Verbascum blattaria</i>	Moth Mullein	Scrophulariaceae	May-Oct	Disturbed places	Alien Paloma Road
<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	Common Mullein, Wooly Mullein	Scrophulariaceae	Jun-Sep	Disturbed places	
<i>Triteleia ixioides</i>	Golden Brodiaea, Foothill Pretty Face	Themidaceae	May-Aug	Grassland	Camanche Creek
<i>Viola douglasii</i>	Foothill Pansy, Douglas Violet	Violaceae	Mar-May	Grassland, open	Camanche Creek