



# Brown's Island Plants

A photographic guide to  
wild plants of  
Brown's Island  
Regional Preserve

Sorted by  
Scientific Name

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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 plants 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, the included plants are sorted alphabetically by scientific name. Under each photograph are four lines of information, based on upon the current standard wild plant reference for California: *The Jepson Manual: Higher Plants of California*, 1993.

<i>Scientific Name</i>	Scientific names revised since 1993 are NOT included in this edition.
Common Name	These non-standard names are based on <i>Jepson</i> and other local references.
Origin & Longevity	Native or Introduced. Annual, Biennial, Perennial, or a combination.
Scientific Family Name	The scientific plant family name according to <i>Jepson</i> .

For readers that prefer a guide focusing on showy wildflowers, sorted by flower color and emphasizing common names, please download the “wildflower” version of this guide.

Readers are encouraged to email any suggestions or corrections to [wlegard@ebparks.org](mailto:wlegard@ebparks.org).

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*Achillea millefolium*  
Yarrow  
Native Perennial  
Asteraceae



*Ambrosia psilostachya*  
Western Ragweed  
Native Perennial  
Asteraceae



*Anagallis arvensis*  
Scarlet Pimpernel  
Introduced Annual  
Primulaceae



*Artemisia douglasiana*  
California Mugwort  
Native Perennial  
Asteraceae



*Asparagus officinalis* ssp. *officinalis*  
Garden Asparagus  
Introduced Perennial  
Liliaceae



*Baccharis douglasii*  
Douglas/Salt Marsh Baccharis  
Native Perennial  
Asteraceae



*Baccharis pilularis*  
Coyote Bush  
Native Perennial  
Asteraceae



*Baccharis salicifolia*  
Mulefat  
Native Perennial  
Asteraceae



*Bidens frondosa*  
Sticktight  
Native Annual  
Asteraceae



*Bromus diandrus*  
Ripgut Brome  
Introduced Annual  
Poaceae



*Centaurea solstitialis*  
Yellow Star Thistle  
Introduced Annual  
Asteraceae



*Centaurium muhlenbergii*  
Monterey Centaury  
Native Annual-Biennial  
Gentianaceae



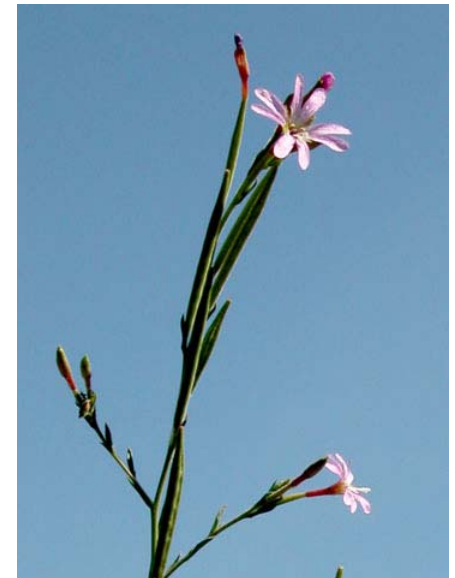
*Cirsium vulgare*  
Bull Thistle  
Introduced Biennial  
Asteraceae



*Cortaderia selloana*  
Smooth Pampas Grass  
Introduced Perennial  
Poaceae



*Cyperus eragrostis*  
Tall Nutsedge  
Native Perennial  
Cyperaceae



*Epilobium brachycarpum*  
Panicked / Weedy Willowherb  
Native Annual  
Onagraceae



*Epilobium ciliatum* ssp. *ciliatum*  
Common Willowherb  
Native Perennial  
Onagraceae



*Euthamia occidentalis*  
Western Goldenrod  
Native Perennial  
Asteraceae



*Foeniculum vulgare*  
Sweet Fennel  
Introduced Perennial  
Apiaceae



*Grindelia stricta* var. *angustifolia*  
Narrowleaf Pacific Gumplant  
Native Perennial  
Asteraceae



*Heliotropium curassavicum*  
Seaside Heliotrope  
Native Perennial  
Boraginaceae



*Jaumea carnosa*  
Fleshy Jaumea  
Native Perennial  
Asteraceae



*Lepidium latifolium*  
Slender Peren. Peppergrass  
Introduced Perennial  
Brassicaceae



*Lonicera japonica*  
Japanese Honeysuckle  
Introduced Perennial  
Caprifoliaceae



*Lotus corniculatus*  
Bird's-foot Deerweed  
Introduced Perennial  
Fabaceae



*Lotus purshianus* var. *purshianus*  
Spanish Clover  
Native Annual  
Fabaceae



*Ludwigia peploides* ssp. *peploides*  
Yellow Water Primrose  
Native Perennial  
Onagraceae



*Lythrum californicum*  
California Loosestrife  
Native Perennial  
Lythraceae



*Melilotus alba*  
White Sweet Clover  
Introduced Annual-Biennial  
Fabaceae



*Mentha arvensis*  
Field Mint  
Native Perennial  
Lamiaceae



*Mentha pulegium*  
Pennyroyal  
Introduced Perennial  
Lamiaceae



*Mimulus guttatus*  
Golden Monkey Flower  
Native Perennial  
Scrophulariaceae



*Oenanthe sarmentosa*  
Pacific Water Parsley  
Native Perennial  
Apiaceae



*Oenothera deltooides* ssp. *howellii*  
Antioch Dunes Eve Primrose  
Native Perennial  
Onagraceae



*Picris echioides*  
Bristly Ox-tongue  
Introduced Annual-Biennial  
Asteraceae



*Plantago major*  
Common Plantain  
Introduced Annual-Perennial  
Plantaginaceae



*Polygonum amphibium* var. *emersum*  
Swamp / Water Knotweed  
Native Perennial  
Polygonaceae



*Polygonum arenastrum*  
Common Yard Knotweed  
Introduced Annual  
Polygonaceae



*Polypogon monspeliensis*  
Annual Rabbitfoot Grass  
Introduced Annual  
Poaceae



*Potamogeton pectinatus*  
Fennel-leaf Pondweed  
Native Perennial  
Potamogetonaceae



*Raphanus sativus*  
Wild Radish  
Introduced Annual  
Brassicaceae



*Rosa californica*  
California Wild Rose  
Native Perennial  
Rosaceae



*Rubus discolor*  
Himalayan Blackberry  
Introduced Perennial  
Rosaceae



*Rubus ursinus*  
Native California Blackberry  
Native Perennial  
Rosaceae



*Rumex crispus*  
Curly Dock  
Introduced Perennial  
Polygonaceae



*Salicornia virginica*  
Virginia Pickleweed  
Native Perennial  
Chenopodiaceae



*Salix exigua*  
Narrowleaf Willow  
Native Perennial  
Salicaceae



*Scirpus acutus* var. *occidentalis*  
Hardstem Bulrush  
Native Perennial  
Cyperaceae



*Scirpus californicus*  
California Bulrush  
Native Perennial  
Cyperaceae



*Silybum marianum*  
Milk Thistle  
Introduced Annual-Biennial  
Asteraceae



*Solanum americanum*  
Small-flower Nightshade  
Native Annual-Perennial  
Solanaceae



*Sonchus oleraceus*  
Common Sow Thistle  
Introduced Annual  
Asteraceae



*Typha angustifolia*  
Narrow-leaf Cattail  
Native Perennial  
Typhaceae



*Xanthium strumarium*  
Cocklebur  
Native Annual  
Asteraceae