



Five Canyons Plants

A photographic guide to
wild plants of
Five Canyons
Regional Open Space

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.

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Acer macrophyllum
Bigleaf Maple
Native Perennial
Aceraceae



Achillea millefolium
Yarrow
Native Perennial
Asteraceae



Aesculus californica
California Buckeye
Native Perennial
Hippocastanaceae



Aira caryophylla
Silver European Hair Grass
Introduced Annual
Poaceae



Anagallis arvensis
Scarlet Pimpernel
Introduced Annual
Primulaceae



Anthriscus caucalis
Bur-chervil
Introduced Annual
Apiaceae



Artemisia californica
California Sagebrush
Native Perennial
Asteraceae



Avena barbata
Slender Wild Oat
Introduced Annual
Poaceae



Bellardia trixago
Bellardia
Introduced Annual
Scrophulariaceae



Briza minor
Little Quaking Grass
Introduced Annual
Poaceae



Bromus diandrus
Ripgut Brome
Introduced Annual
Poaceae



Bromus hordeaceus
Soft Brome
Introduced Annual
Poaceae



Camissonia ovata
Golden Eggs Suncup
Native Perennial
Onagraceae



Castilleja exserta ssp. exserta
Purple Owl's Clover
Native Annual
Scrophulariaceae



Centaurea calcitrapa
Purple Star Thistle
Introduced Annual-Biennial
Asteraceae



Cerastium glomeratum
Mouse-ear Chickweed
Introduced Annual
Caryophyllaceae



Chlorogalum pomeridianum var. *pomeridianum*
Common Soap Plant
Native Perennial
Liliaceae



Cirsium vulgare
Bull Thistle
Introduced Biennial
Asteraceae



Conium maculatum
Poison Hemlock
Introduced Biennial
Apiaceae



Cynosurus echinatus
Hedgehog Dogtail Grass
Introduced Annual
Poaceae



Dichelostemma congestum
Ookow
Native Perennial
Liliaceae



Dryopteris arguta
Coastal Wood Fern
Native Perennial
Dryopteridaceae



Elymus glaucus ssp. *glaucus*
Blue Wild Rye
Native Perennial
Poaceae



Erodium botrys
Long-beaked Filaree
Introduced Annual
Geraniaceae



Foeniculum vulgare
Sweet Fennel
Introduced Perennial
Apiaceae



Fragaria vesca
Woodland Strawberry
Native Perennial
Rosaceae



Galium aparine
Goosegrass Bedstraw
Native Annual
Rubiaceae



Geranium dissectum
Purpletip Cut-leaf Geranium
Introduced Annual
Geraniaceae



Geranium molle
Hairy Dove's Foot Geranium
Introduced Annual
Geraniaceae



Heteromeles arbutifolia
Toyon
Native Perennial
Rosaceae



Hordeum marinum ssp. gussoneanum
Mediterranean Barley
Introduced Annual
Poaceae



Hordeum murinum ssp. leporinum
Hare Barley
Introduced Annual
Poaceae



Hypochaeris glabra
Smooth Cat's-ear
Introduced Annual
Asteraceae



Hypochaeris radicata
Rough Cat's-ear
Introduced Perennial
Asteraceae



Lolium multiflorum
Awned Italian Rye Grass
Introduced Perennial
Poaceae



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



Marah fabaceus
Common / California Manroot
Native Perennial
Cucurbitaceae



Medicago polymorpha
California Bur Clover
Introduced Annual
Fabaceae



Nassella pulchra
Purple Needle Grass
Native Perennial
Poaceae



Pentagramma triangularis ssp. *triangularis*
Goldenback Fern
Native Perennial
Pteridaceae



Phalaris aquatica
Harding Grass
Introduced Perennial
Poaceae



Plantago lanceolata
English Plantain
Introduced Annual
Plantaginaceae



Quercus agrifolia var. *agrifolia*
Coast Live Oak
Native Perennial
Fagaceae



Ranunculus californicus
California Buttercup
Native Perennial
Ranunculaceae



Ranunculus muricatus
Prickleseed Buttercup
Introduced Annual
Ranunculaceae



Raphanus sativus
Wild Radish
Introduced Annual
Brassicaceae



Rubus ursinus
Native California Blackberry
Native Perennial
Rosaceae



Rumex acetosella
Sheep Sorrel
Introduced Perennial
Polygonaceae



Rupertia physodes
California Tea
Native Perennial
Fabaceae



Sambucus mexicana
Blue Elderberry
Native Perennial
Caprifoliaceae



Sanicula crassicaulis
Pacific Woodland Sanicle
Native Perennial
Apiaceae



Sisyrinchium bellum
Blue-eyed Grass
Native Perennial
Iridaceae



Sonchus asper ssp. *asper*
Prickly Sow Thistle
Introduced Annual
Asteraceae



Stachys ajugoides var. *rigida*
Common Rigid Hedge Nettle
Native Perennial
Lamiaceae



Stellaria media
Common Chickweed
Introduced Annual
Caryophyllaceae



Symphoricarpos mollis
Creeping Snowberry
Native Perennial
Caprifoliaceae



Toxicodendron diversilobum
Poison Oak
Native Perennial
Anacardiaceae



Trifolium dubium
Shamrock Clover
Introduced Annual
Fabaceae



Trifolium hirtum
Rose Clover
Introduced Annual
Fabaceae



Trifolium subterraneum
Subterranean Clover
Introduced Annual
Fabaceae



Umbellularia californica
California Bay Laurel
Native Perennial
Lauraceae



Vicia sativa ssp. sativa
Spring Vetch
Introduced Annual
Fabaceae