



# Sycamore Valley Plants

A photographic guide to  
wild plants of  
Sycamore Valley  
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](mailto:wlegard@ebparks.org).

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*Acer macrophyllum*  
Bigleaf Maple  
Native Perennial  
Aceraceae



*Aesculus californica*  
California Buckeye  
Native Perennial  
Hippocastanaceae



*Amsinckia menziesii* var. *intermedia*  
Common Fiddleneck  
Native Annual  
Boraginaceae



*Anagallis arvensis*  
Scarlet Pimpernel  
Introduced Annual  
Primulaceae



*Artemisia douglasiana*  
California Mugwort  
Native Perennial  
Asteraceae



*Asclepias fascicularis*  
Whorled/Narrow-leaf Milkweed  
Native Perennial  
Asclepiadaceae



*Avena barbata*  
Slender Wild Oat  
Introduced Annual  
Poaceae



*Avena fatua*  
Wild Oat  
Introduced Annual  
Poaceae



*Bellardia trixago*  
Bellardia  
Introduced Annual  
Scrophulariaceae



*Brassica nigra*  
Black Mustard  
Introduced Annual  
Brassicaceae



*Bromus diandrus*  
Ripgut Brome  
Introduced Annual  
Poaceae



*Bromus hordeaceus*  
Soft Brome  
Introduced Annual  
Poaceae



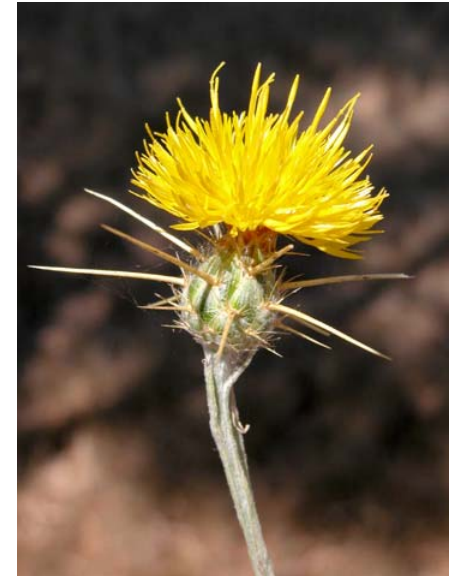
*Bromus madritensis ssp. rubens*  
Red Foxtail Brome  
Introduced Annual  
Poaceae



*Capsella bursa-pastoris*  
Shepherd's Purse  
Introduced Annual  
Brassicaceae



*Carduus pycnocephalus*  
Italian Thistle  
Introduced Annual  
Asteraceae



*Centaurea solstitialis*  
Yellow Star Thistle  
Introduced Annual  
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



*Convolvulus arvensis*  
Field Bindweed  
Introduced Perennial  
Convolvulaceae



*Cynara cardunculus*  
Cardoon / Artichoke Thistle  
Introduced Perennial  
Asteraceae



*Erodium botrys*  
Long-beaked Filaree  
Introduced Annual  
Geraniaceae



*Erodium cicutarium*  
Red-stem Filaree  
Introduced Annual  
Geraniaceae



*Erodium moschatum*  
White-stem Filaree  
Introduced Annual  
Geraniaceae



*Eschscholzia californica*  
California Poppy  
Native Perennial  
Papaveraceae



*Foeniculum vulgare*  
Sweet Fennel  
Introduced Perennial  
Apiaceae



*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



*Hordeum marinum ssp. gussoneanum*  
Mediterranean Barley  
Introduced Annual  
Poaceae



*Hordeum murinum ssp. leporinum*  
Hare Barley  
Introduced Annual  
Poaceae



*Hypochaeris radicata*  
Rough Cat's-ear  
Introduced Perennial  
Asteraceae



*Lepidium nitidum* var. *nitidum*  
Threadleaf Peppergrass  
Native Annual  
Brassicaceae



*Lolium multiflorum*  
Awned Italian Rye Grass  
Introduced Perennial  
Poaceae



*Lupinus albifrons* var. *collinus*  
Bay Area Silver Lupine  
Native Perennial  
Fabaceae



*Lupinus bicolor*  
Miniature Dove Lupine  
Native Annual  
Fabaceae



*Malva nicaeensis*  
Bull Mallow  
Introduced Annual  
Malvaceae



*Medicago polymorpha*  
California Bur Clover  
Introduced Annual  
Fabaceae



*Mimulus guttatus*  
Golden Monkey Flower  
Native Perennial  
Scrophulariaceae



*Phalaris aquatica*  
Harding Grass  
Introduced Perennial  
Poaceae



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



*Polypogon monspeliensis*  
Annual Rabbitfoot Grass  
Introduced Annual  
Poaceae



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



*Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum*  
White Water Cress  
Native Perennial  
Brassicaceae



*Rubus discolor*  
Himalayan Blackberry  
Introduced Perennial  
Rosaceae



*Rumex acetosella*  
Sheep Sorrel  
Introduced Perennial  
Polygonaceae



*Rumex crispus*  
Curly Dock  
Introduced Perennial  
Polygonaceae



*Rumex pulcher*  
Fiddle Dock  
Introduced Perennial  
Polygonaceae



*Sambucus mexicana*  
Blue Elderberry  
Native Perennial  
Caprifoliaceae



*Senecio vulgaris*  
Common Groundsel  
Introduced Annual  
Asteraceae



*Silybum marianum*  
Milk Thistle  
Introduced Annual-Biennial  
Asteraceae



*Sinapis arvensis*  
Yellow Charlock  
Introduced Annual  
Brassicaceae



*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 albus* var. *laevigatus*  
Bush / Common Snowberry  
Native Perennial  
Caprifoliaceae



*Torilis nodosa*  
Knotted Hedge Parsley  
Introduced Annual  
Apiaceae



*Toxicodendron diversilobum*  
Poison Oak  
Native Perennial  
Anacardiaceae



*Tragopogon porrifolius*  
Purple Salsify  
Introduced Biennial-Perennial  
Asteraceae



*Trifolium dubium*  
Shamrock Clover  
Introduced Annual  
Fabaceae



*Trifolium hirtum*  
Rose Clover  
Introduced Annual  
Fabaceae



*Verbena lasiostachys* var. *scabrada*  
Robust Vervain  
Native Perennial  
Verbenaceae



*Vicia sativa ssp. sativa*  
Spring Vetch  
Introduced Annual  
Fabaceae



*Vicia villosa ssp. varia*  
Winter Vetch  
Introduced Annual-Biennial  
Fabaceae



*Vulpia bromoides*  
Six-weeks Fescue  
Introduced Annual  
Poaceae



*Xanthium spinosum*  
Spiny Clotbur  
Native Annual  
Asteraceae