

WILDFLOWER MONTH!

AT CALBG



“No poet has yet sung the full beauty of our poppy. No painter has successfully portrayed the satiny sheen of its lustrous petals. In its abundance, this colorful plant should not be slighted: cherish it and be ever thankful that so rare a flower is common.”

- John Thomas Howell

Wildflower season in California is short, but spectacular!

Keep an eye out as you travel our garden paths for these flowers in bloom.



WATCH FOR THESE FLOWERS!

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Desert Marigold

Related to asters, daisies, and sunflowers, the desert marigold likes to grow in open, dry, gravelly areas. This makes it a common flower to find beside roads and paths.

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Sticky Monkeyflower

Sticky monkeyflowers have sticky leaves, not flowers. Their flowers are visited by bees and hummingbirds and come in a variety of colors, from white to red, but are most often yellow or orange.

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Lupine

There are over 75 species of lupines native to California and they can be found from the coast to the high mountains. Lupines come from the Fabaceae family, the same plant family as peas!

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Ceanothus

Commonly called California lilac, ceanothus are native exclusively to North America, with most species being found only on the West Coast. Their beautiful flower clusters range in color from bright white, to dramatic dark blue.

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Showy Penstemon

There are over 50 different species of penstemon found in California. Showy penstemon have vivid purple flowers that are wide enough to be pollinated by bumblebees and wasps.

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Firecracker Penstemon

Unlike the wide flowers of their showy penstemon relatives, firecracker penstemon have long narrow flowers with an orange-red color that is appealing to hummingbirds.

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California Poppy

California's beloved state flower! Poppies open up on sunny days, but stay closed when it's dark. Poppy flowers do not give nectar. Instead, visiting insects are rewarded with yummy, protein-packed pollen to eat.

What else is blooming today?

Fill in the blanks to create your own nature appreciation statement.
It can be silly or serious! When you are done, take a picture and tag us on Instagram (@californiabotanicgarden, or find the bulletin board near the front kiosk to post it for others to read.

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- You!