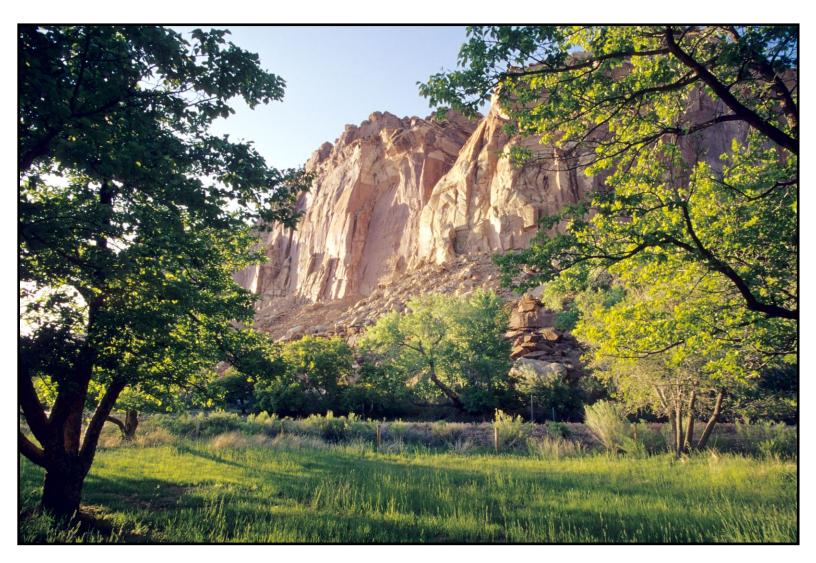
Capitol Reef Wildflowers



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Capitol Reef Wildflowers

Wildflowers in order of appearance

Common Name	Scientific Name	Plant Family	Page Number
Claretcup	Echinocereus triglochidiatus	Cactus (Cactaceae)	1
Annual paintbrush		Figwort (Scrophulariaceae)	2
Eastwood's paintbrush	Castilleja scabrida	Figwort (Scrophulariaceae)	3
Linearleaf paintbrush	Castilleja linariifolia	Figwort (Scrophulariaceae)	4-5
Eaton's penstemon	Penstemon eatonii	Figwort (Scrophulariaceae)	6
Utah penstemon	Penstemon utahensis	Figwort (Scrophulariaceae)	7
Scarlet gilia	Gilia aggregata	Phlox (Oolemoniaceae)	8
Carmine gilia	Gilia subnuda	Phlox (Oolemoniaceae)	9
Widewing spring-parsley	Cymopterus purpurascens	Parsley (Umbelliferae)	10
Canaigre	Rumex hymenosepalus	Milkwort (Polygalaceae)	11
Small-leafed globemallow	Sphaeralcea parvifolia	Mallow (Malvaceae)	12
Common globemallow	Sphaeralcea coccinea	Mallow (Malvaceae)	13
Puberulent yellow-flax	Linum puberulum	Flax (Linaceae)	14
Long-flower snowberry	Symphoricarpos longiflorus	Honeysuckle (Capriofoliacae)	15
Nuttall's cactus	Coryphantha vivipara	Cactus (Cactaceae)	16
Utah daisy	Erigeron utahensis	Sunflower (Asteraceae)	17
Northern sweetvetch	Hedysarum boreale	Leguminosae (Legume)	18
Pretty buckwheat	Eriogonum bicolor	Buckwheat (Polygonaceae)	19
Arizona thistle	Cirsium arizonicum	Composite (Compositae)	20
Central prickly pear (pink)	Opuntia polyacantha	Cactus (Cactaceae)	21
Ruth's Milkweed	Asclepias ruthiae	Milkweed (Ascleapiadaceae)	22
Showy rushpink	Lygodesmia grandiflora	Composite (Compositae)	23
Cushion milkwort	Polygala subspinosa	Milkwort (Polygalaceae)	24
Fleshy penstemon	Penstemon carnosus	Figwort (Scrophulariaceae)	25
Fragrant sand-verbena	Abronia fragrans	Four O'Clock (Nyctaginaceae)	26
Palmer's penstemon	Penstemon palmeri	Figwort (Scrophulariaceae)	27
Tamarisk	Tamarix chinensis	Tamarisk (Tamaricaceae)	28
Wooly locoweed	Astralagus mollissimus	Leguminosae (Legume)	29
Annual wirelettuce	Stephanomeria exigua	Composite (Compositae)	30
Showy four o'clock	Mirabillis multiflora	Four O'Clock (Nyctaginaceae)	31
Woods' rose	Rosa woodsii	Rose (Rosaceae)	32
Desert phlox	Phlox austromontana	Phlox (Polemoniaceae)	33

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African mustard	Malcolmia africana	Mustard (Cruciferae)	34
Hoary aster	Machaeranthera canescens	Composite (Compositae)	35
Tansyleaf aster	Machaeranthera tanacetifolia	Composite (Compositae)	36
Kaiparowits milkvetch	Asragalus malacoides	Leguminosae (Legume)	37
Showy milkweed	Asclepias speciosa	Milkweed (Ascleapiadaceae)	38
Ferron milkvetch	Astragalus musiniensis	Leguminosae (Legume)	39
Longleaf phlox	Phlox longifolia	Phlox (Polemoniaceae)	40
Storksbill	Erodium circutarium	Geranium (Geraniaceae)	41
Slender wirelettuce	Stephanomeria tenuifolia	Composite (Compositae)	42
Pink Milkvetch	Atragalus flavus var. argillosus	Legume (Leguminosae)	43
Thorny wirelettuce	Lygodesmia spinosa	Composite (Compositae)	44
Cushion Buckwheat	Eriogonum ovalifolium	Buckwheat (Polygonaceae)	45
Shadscale	Atriplex confertifolia	Chenopodiaceae (Goosefoot)	46
Vernal daisy (purple)	Erigeron pumilus	Composite (Compositae)	47
Rocky Mountain bee plant	Cleome serrulata	Caper (Capparaceae)	48
Loa pentstemon	Penstemon ophianthus	Figwort (Scrophulariaceae)	49
Crenulate phacelia (Scorpionweed)	Phacelia crenulata	Waterleaf (Hydrophyllaceae)	50
Dwarf lupine; Rusty lupine	Lupinus pusillus	Leguminosae (Legume)	51
Brittle phacelia	Phacelia demissa	Waterleaf (Hydrophyllaceae)	52
Anderson's Larkspur	Delphinium scaposum var. andersonni	Buttercup (Ranunculaceae)	53
Silvery lupine	Lupinus argenteus	Leguminosae (Legume)	54
Blue flax	Linum perenne	Flax (Linaceae)	55
Little twistflower	Streptanthella longirostris	Mustard (Cruciferae)	56
Dwarf Gilia	Ipomopsis pumila	Phlox (Polemoniaceae)	57
Longflower Gilia	Ipomopsis longiflora	Phlox (Polemoniaceae)	58
Longleaf brickellbush	Brickellia longifolia	Composite (Compositae)	59
Roseate gilia	Ipomopsis roseata	Phlox (Polemoniaceae)	60
Apache plume	Fallugia paradoxa	Rose (Rosaceae)	61
Pale evening-primrose	Oenothera pallida	Evening-primrose (Onagracea)	62
Gray thistle	Cirsium undulatum	Composite (Compositae)	63
Rose-heath	Chaetopappa ericoides	Composite (Compositae)	64
Pallid milkweed	Asclepias cryptoceras	Milkweed (Ascleapiadaceae)	65
Vernal daisy (white)	Erigeron pumilus	Composite (Compositae)	66

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Harriman's yucca	Yucca harrimaniae	Agave (Agavacae)	67
Fendler's euphorb	Chamaesyce fendleri	Spurge (Euphorbiaceae)	68
Jones' milkweed; Circle Cliffs milkweed	Asclepias labriformis	Milkweed (Ascleapiadaceae)	69
Stevia dusty-maiden	Chaenactis stevioides	Composite (Compositae)	70
Pursh's plantain	Plantago patagonica	Plantain (Plantaginaceae)	71
Silvery townsendia	Townsendia incana	Composite (Compositae)	73
Morning-lily; Tufted evening-primrose;	Oenothera caespitosa	Evening-primrose (Onagraceae)	73
Jones' pepperlant	Lepidium montanum var. jonesii	Mustard (Cruciferae)	74
Great rushy milkvetch	Astragalus lonchocarpus	Legume (Leguminosae)	75
Cliff-rose	Purshia mexicana	Rose (Rosaceae)	76
Plains cryptanth	Cryptantha crassisepala var. elachantha	Borage (Boraginaceae)	77
Armed prickly poppy	Argemone munita	Poppy (Papaveraceae)	78
James' cryptanth	Cryptantha cinerea	Borage (Boraginaceae)	79
Opening cryptanth	Cryptantha circumscissa	Borage (Boraginaceae)	80
Sego lily	Calochortus nuttallii	Lily (Liliaceae)	81
Hurtleaf woodyaster	Xylorhiza tortifolia	Composite (Compositae)	82
Bastard toadflax	Comandra umbellata	Sandalwood (Santalaceae)	83
Yellow-eye cryptanth	Cryptantha flavoculata	Borage (Boraginaceae)	84
White sweet-clover	Melilotus alba	Leguminosae (Legume)	85
Stinking milkvetch	Astragalus praelongus	Leguminosae (Legume)	86
White-margined swertia	Swertia albomarginata	Gentian (Gentianaceae)	87
Elegant death camas	Zigadenus elegans	Lily (Liliaceae)	88
Dogbane, Indian hemp	Apocynum cannabinum	Dogbane (Apocynaceae)	89
Red-osier dogwood	Cornus sericea var. sericea	Dogwood (Cornaceae)	89
San Juan onion	Allium macropetalum	Lily (Liliaceae)	90
Pretty rockcress	Arabis pulchra	Mustard (Cruciferae)	91
White virgins-bower	Clematis linguisticifolia	Buttercup (Ranunculaceae)	92
Basin blanketflower	Gaillardia spathulata	Composite (Compositae)	93
Central prickly pear (yellow)	Opuntia polyacantha	Cactus (Cactaceae)	94
Rough mulesears	Wyethis scabra	Composite (Compositae)	95
Greenstem paperflower	Psilostrophe sparsiflora	Composite (Compositae)	96

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Bronze evening-primrose	Oenothera howardii	Evening-primrose (Onagracea)	97
Lavandula (Lavendar) eveing-primrose	Calyophus lavandulifolia	Evening-primrose (Onagracea)	98
Yellow beeplant	Cleome lutea	Caper (Capparaceae)	99
Green ephedera; Mormon tea	Ephedra viridis	Ephedra (Ephedraceae)	100
Yellow catspaw	Cryptantha flava	Borage (Boraginaceae)	101
Golden crypanth	Cryptantha confertiflora	Borage (Boraginaceae)	102
Broom-flax	Linum aristatum	Flax (Linaceae)	103
Hyalineherb	Hymenopappus filifolius	Composite (Compositae)	104
Whipple's fishook	Sclerocactus whipplei	Cactus (Cactaceae)	105
Prince's plume	Stanleya pinnata	Mustard (Cruciferae)	106
Nakedstem	Enceliopsis nudicaulis	Composite (Compositae)	107
Colorado rubberweed	Hymenoxys richardsonii	Composite (Compositae)	108
Golden pea; Yellow pea	Thermopsis montana	Leguminosae (Legume)	109
Uinta groundsel	Senecio multilobatus	Composite (Compositae)	110
Scapose camissonia	Camissonia scapoidea	Evening-primrose (Onagracea)	111
Berry prickly-pear	Opuntia phaeacantha	Cactus (Cactaceae)	112
Sowthistle malacothrix	Malacothrix sonchoides	Sunflower (Asteraceae)	113
Fremont's mahonia	Mahonii fremontii	Barberry (Berberidaceae)	114
Shorthorn spurge	Euphorbia brachycera	Spurge (Euphorbiaceae)	115
Hairy goldenaster	Chrysopsis villosa var. minor	Composite (Compositae)	116
Stemless woollybase	Hymenoxys acaulis	Composite (Compositae)	117
Skunkbush	Rhus trilobata var. simplicifolia	Cashew (Ancardiaceae)	118
Colorado bladderpod	Physaria rectipes	Mustard (Cruciferae)	119
Rydberg's twinpod	Physaria acutifolia	Mustard (Cruciferae)	120
Watson's bladderpod	Physaria intermedia	Mustard (Cruciferae)	121
Variable spring-parsley	Cymopterus purpureus	Parsley (Umbelliferae)	122
Blister buttercup	Ranunculus sceleratus var. multifidus	Buttercup (Ranunculaceae)	123
Golden mariposa	Calochortus auerus	Lily (Liliaceae)	124
Rayless Daisy	Erigeron aphanactis	Composite (Compositae)	124

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Common sunflower	Helianthus annuus	Composite (Compositae)	125
Roundleaf buffaloberry	Shepherdia rotundifolia	Oleaster (Elaeagnaceae)	126
Desert trumpet	Eriogonum inflatum	Milkwort (Polygonaceae)	127
Yellow salsify	Tragapogon dubius	Composite (Compositae)	128
Milkweed milkvetch	Astragalus ascelpiadoides	Leguminosae (Legume)	129
Showy stoneseed	Lithospermum incisum	Borage (Boraginaceae)	130
Yellow sweet-clover	Melilotus officianalis	Leguminosae (Legume)	131
Curly gumweed	Grindelia squarrosa	Composite (Compositae)	132
Rubber rabbitbrush	Chrysothamnus nauseosus	Composite (Compositae)	133
Whitestem blazing-star	Mentzelia albicaulis	Stickleaf (Loasaceae)	134
Scapose greenthread	Thelesperma subnudum	Composite (Compositae)	135
Gumweed aster	Machaeranthera grindelioides var. grindelioides	Composite (Compositae)	136
Four-wing saltbush	Atriplex canescens var. canescens	Goosefoot (Chenopodiaceae)	137
Wetherkill's buckwheat	Eriogonum wetherkill	Milkwort (Polygonaceae)	138



Along the Scenic Drive of Capitol Reef National Park



Claretcup (Echinocereus triglochidiatus)



Claretcup often occur in mounds with many flowers like above



Some botanists identify this plant as *Echinocereus mojavensis*







Annual Paintbrush (Castillleja exilis)
The bracts appear like a paintbrush dipped in paint as on the right



This plant favors wet and sometimes saline places like stream banks, meadows, springs, bogs, and hanging gardens



These examples were found along the bank of Pleasant Creek







Eastwood's Paintbrush (Castilleja scabrida)











Linearleaf Paintbrush (Castilleja linariifolia)



Linearleaf Paintbrush (Castilleja linariifolia)



These examples on this page were found in Capitol Gorge during the first week of August



Paintbrush can have color variations like in this example which has an orange color as opposed to the typical red





Eaton's Penstemon (Penstemon eatonii)



Another common name for this plant is Firecracker Penstemon







Utah Penstemon (Penstemon utahensis)









Scarlet gilia (*Gilia aggregata*)
This is also known as *Ipomopsis aggregata*









Carmine gilia (*Gilia subnuda*)
This plant is also known as *Alciella subnuda*







Widewing spring-parsley (Cymopterus purpurascens)



This one was yellow which was unusual as most were either white, brown or pink in color where these were found







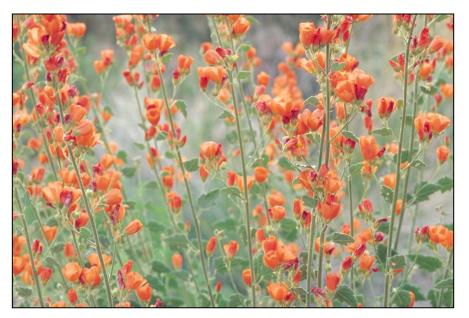
Canaigre (Rumex hymenosepala)



Another common name for this plant is Wild rhubarb







Small-leafed globemallow (*Sphaeralcea parvifolia*)
These examples were found in Capitol Gorge









Common globemallow (*Sphaeralcea coccinea*)
This plant is different from Small-leafed globemallow in that the leaves are more narrow











Puberulent yellow-flax (Linum puberulum)









Long-flower snowberry (Symphoricarpos longiflorus)









Nutall's cactus (Coryphantha vivipara)









Utah daisy (*Erigeron utahensis*)
Found in Capitol Gorge on the edge of rock walls

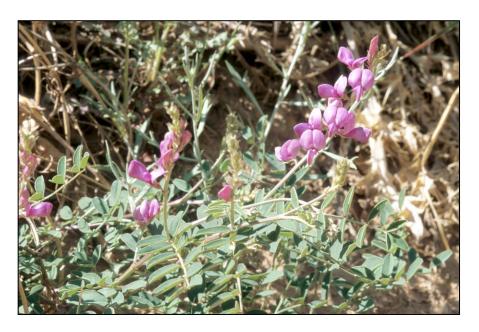








Northern sweetvetch (*Hedysarum boreale*)









Pretty buckwheat (Eriogonum bicolor)







Arizona thistle (Cirsium arizonicum)







Central prickly pear (Opuntia polyacantha)



Polyacantha is Latin for many spines







Ruth's Milkweed (Asclepias ruthiae)



This plant is not common in the park and only a few individual plants have been located within the park



While uncommon in the park it is not a rare find, however its distribution is limited to a few counties



The plant is relatively small as shown in comparison to a penny





Showy rushpink (Lygodesmia grandiflora)









Cushion milkwort (Polygala subspinosa)







Fleshy penstemon (Penstemon carnosus)





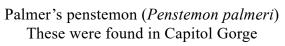


Fragrant sand-verbena (Abronia fragrans)





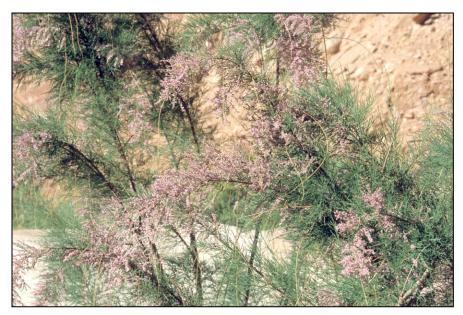












Tamarisk (*Tamarix chinensis*)

This is a thirsty invasive species brought in to shore up irrigation ditches, but quickly escaped and is often found along rivers and streams throughout the West



Eradication efforts within Capitol Reef National Park have met with some success, however like other invasive species constant vigiliance is required







Wooly locoweed (Astralagus mollissimus)









Annual wirelettuce (Stephanomeria exigua)







Showy four o'clock (Mirabillis multiflora)

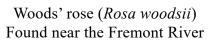


The flowers open in the afternoon hence the common name













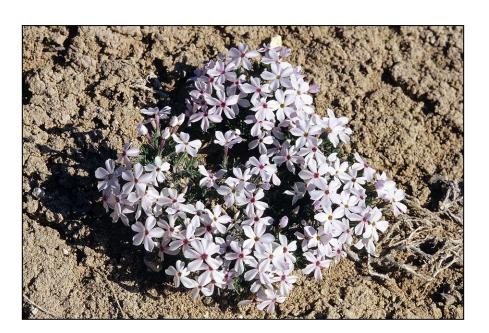




Desert phlox (Phlox austromontana)



This phlox is often low lying like a mat and often appears in circular shaped mounds









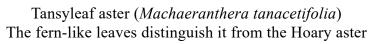
African mustard (*Malcolmia africana*)
This species orginates in Africa as its name implies





Hoary aster (Machaeranthera canescens)









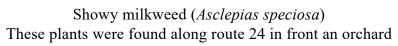






Kaiparowits milkvetch (Asragalus malacoides)













Ferron milkvetch (Astragalus musiniensis)





Longleaf phlox (Phlox longifolia)







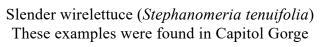
Storksbill (*Erodium circutarium*)
This plant came with early Spanish settlers to America











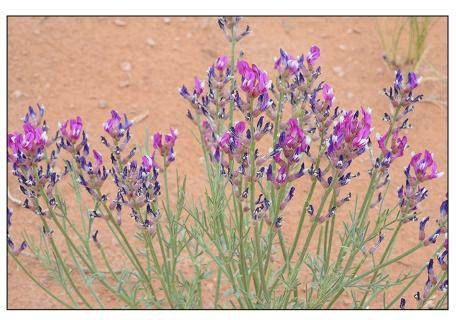




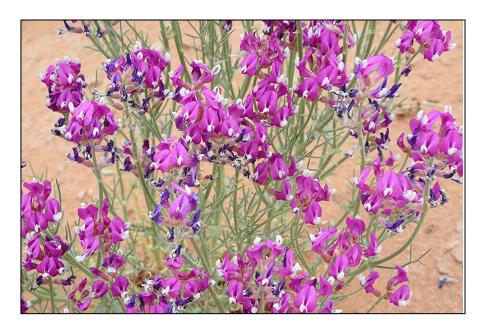




Pink Milkvetch (Atragalus flavus var. argillosus)
These plants were found in Lower Catherdral Valley



This variety is pink. The other varieties are yellow.









Thorny wirelettuce (Lygodesmia spinosa)







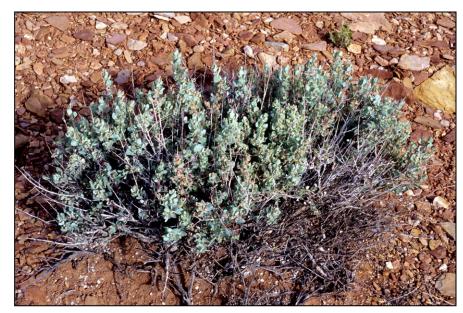


Cushion Buckwheat (Eriogonum ovalifolium)

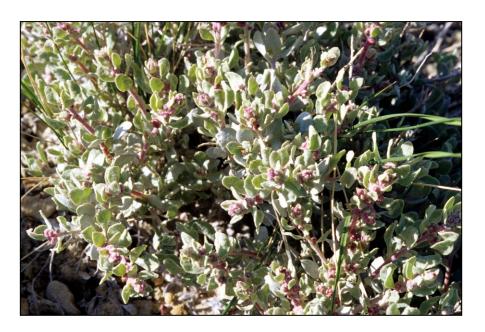








Shadscale (Atriplex confertifolia)









Vernal daisy (*Erigeron pumilus*)
These specimens were found near the Pleasant Creek road







Rocky Mountain bee plant (Cleome serrulata)







Loa pentstemon (*Penstemon ophianthus*)
These were found along the Notom-Bullfrog road











Crenulate phacelia (Phacelia crenulata)



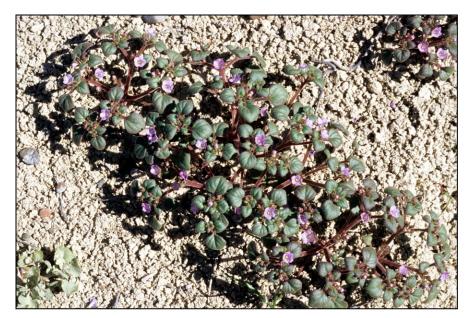




Dwarf lupine; Rusty lupine (Lupinus pusillus)









Brittle phacelia (Phacelia demissa)



Anderson's Larkspur (*Delphinium scaposum var. andersonni*)
This plant is also known as *Delphinium andersonni*











Silvery lupine (Lupinus argenteus)





Blue flax (*Linum perenne*)
These appear pinkish in the sunlight, but are typically a darker blue







Little twistflower (Streptanthella longirostris)







Dwarf Gilia (*Ipomopsis pumila*)
These plants can be 2.5 to 23 cm (1-9 inches) tall







Longflower Gilia (*Ipomopsis longiflora*) Another common name is Blue Trumpets





Longleaf brickellbush (Brickellia longifolia)









Roseate gilia (Ipomopsis roseata)



Apache plume (Fallugia paradoxa)



The Apache Plume fruit are like narrow whispy feathers







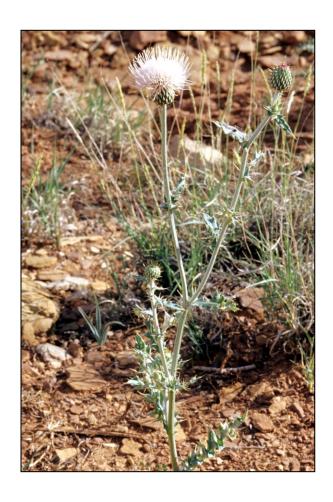
Pale evening-primrose (Oenothera pallida)



This example was found in Capitol Gorge









Gray thistle (Cirsium undulatum)





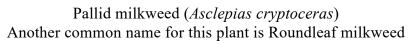


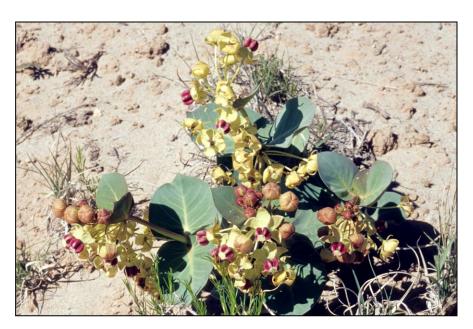
Rose-heath (Chaetopappa ericoides)



















Vernal daisy (Erigeron pumilus)



This flower is about the size of a dime



Harriman's yucca (Yucca harrimaniae)





These plants can be found out in the open or near dry washes





Fendler's euphorb (*Chamaesyce fendleri*)
This plant has also been know as Fendler spurge
(*Euphorbia fendleri*)









Jones' milkweed; Circle Cliffs milkweed (Asclepias labriformis)











Stevia dusty-maiden (Chaenactis stevioides)









Pursh's plantain (Plantago patagonica)









Silvery Townsendia (Townsendia incana)







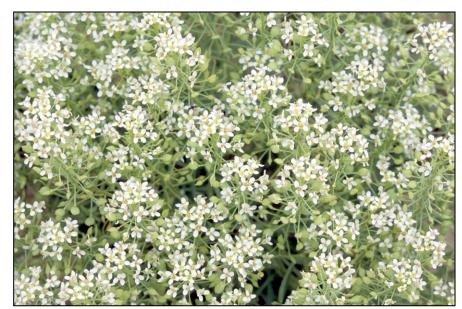
Morning-lily; Tufted evening-primrose; Handkerchief plant (Oenothera caespitosa)











Jones' pepperplant (Lepidium montanum var. jonesii)







Great rushy milkvetch (Astragalus lonchocarpus)



The fruit of the Great rushy milkvetch







Cliff-rose (*Purshia mexicana*)
You will often smell these pungent flowers before seeing them









Plains cryptanth (Cryptantha crassisepala var. elachantha)







Armed prickly poppy (Argemone munita)





James' cryptanth (Cryptantha cinerea)



Opening cryptanth (Cryptantha circumscissa)



These plants are very small being only 5-10 cm (2-4 inches) tall



Sego lily (*Calochortus nuttallii*)
Early Europiean settlers to Utah used the bulbs for food







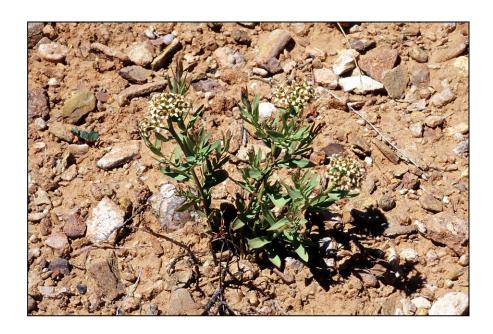
Hurtleaf woodyaster (*Xylorhiza tortifolia*)
The leaves are rough like sandpaper on this plant







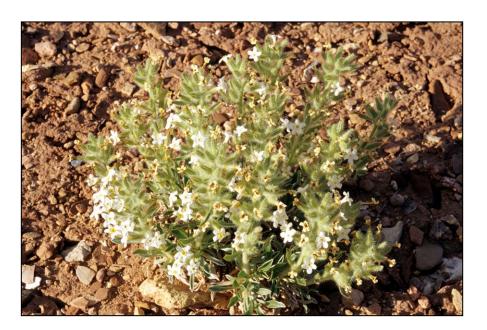
Bastard toadflax (*Comandra umbellata*)
These examples were found just off the Burr Trail Road





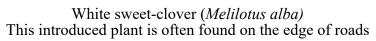


Yellow-eye cryptanth (Cryptantha flavoculata)





















Stinking milkvetch (*Astragalus praelongus*)
This plant is an indicator of selium since these plants thrive in selium rich soils



White-margined swertia (Swertia albomarginata)



Albomarginata is latin for "white margined" which fits perfectly as you can see from these leaves







Elegant death camas (*Zigadenus elegans*) As the common name implies it is toxic



This plant is also known as Anticlea elegans



Dogbane (Apocynum cannabinum)



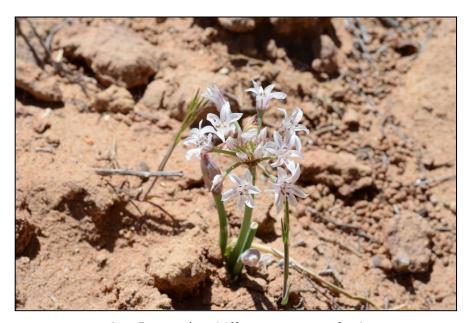
Another common name for this plant is Indian hemp Indians used this plant for cordage and fish-nets



Red-osier dogwood (Cornus sericea var. sericea)



This plant has also been named *Cornus stolonifera* and *Swida sericea*





San Juan onion (Allium macropetalum)









Pretty rockcress (Arabis pulchra)







White virgins-bower (Clematis lingusticifolia)









Basin blanketflower (Gaillardia spathulata)



These flowers were found in Capitol Gorge



Central prickly pear (Opuntia polyacantha)



The flowers can be yellow or pink





Rough mulesears (*Wyethis scabra*)
The leaves have the texture of sandpaper







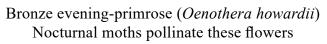


Greenstem paperflower (Psilostrophe sparsiflora)

















Lavandula evening-primrose (Calyophus lavandulifolia)



This plant is also known as Lavendar evening-primrose









Yellow beeplant (Cleome lutea)







Green ephedera; Mormon tea; Brigham's tea (Ephedra viridis)



These examples were found on the turn off from the Scenic Drive that leads to Grand Wash







Yellow catspaw (Cryptantha flava)



Golden crypanth (Cryptantha confertifloraa)
This species differs from the one on the left with flowers
only towards the end of the stems



Golden crypanth (Cryptantha confertifloraa)
Near the Pleasant Creek road



Broom-flax (Linum aristatum)









Hyalineherb (Hymenopappus filifolius)







Whipple's fishook (Sclerocactus whipplei)



Some botanists call this Sclerocactus parviflorus









Prince's plume (Stanleya pinnata)





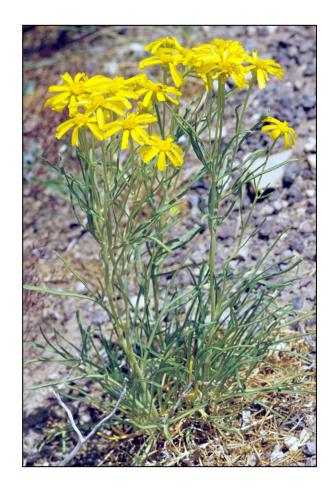




Nakedstem (Enceliopsis nudicaulis)









Colorado rubberweed (Hymenoxys richardsonii)





Golden pea; Yellow pea (*Thermopsis montana*) Found in the orchards near the Campground

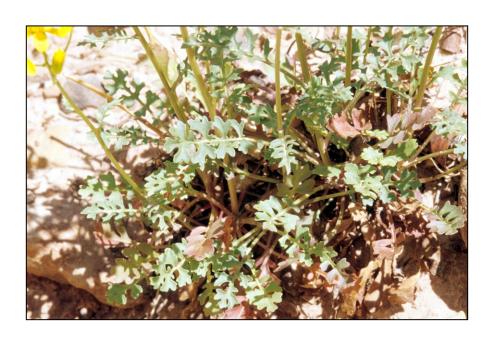








Uinta groundsel (Senecio multilobatus) Synonym Packera multilobata





Scapose Camissonia (Camissonia scapoidea)

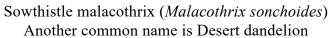




Berry prickly-pear (Opuntia phaeacantha)







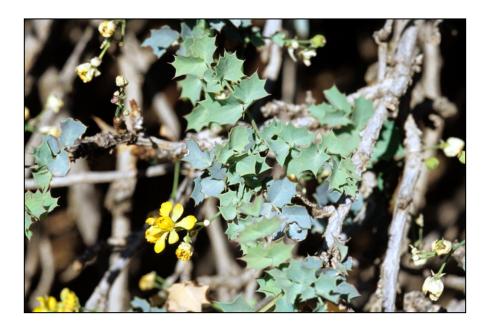






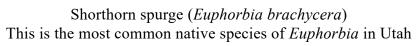


Fremont's mahonia (*Mahonii fremontii*)
This plant was named after Western explorer John Charles Fremont

















Hairy goldenaster (Chrysopsis villosa var. minor)



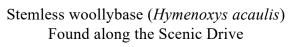
This plant is also known as Heterotheca villosa



These examples were found along route 24 in the eastern parts of the park along the road and at the edge of parking lots





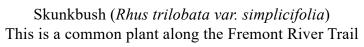




















Colorado bladderpod (*Physaria rectipes*)
Found near Pleasant Creek



Another scientific name for this plant is Lequerella rectipes





Rydberg's twinpod (*Physaria acutifolia*)
Found in the eastern side of the park



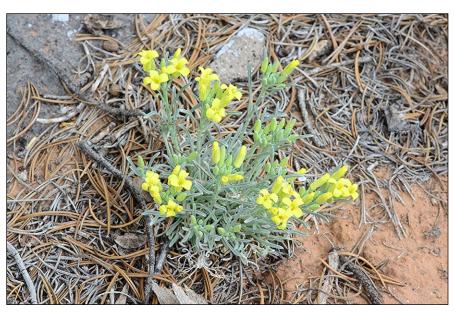
The larger spatula like leaves distinguish this plant from the Watson's bladderpod







Watson's bladderpod (*Physaria intermedia*)
Found in Upper Catherdral Valley



The flowers on this plant are similar to those of the Rydberg's twinpod, but the leaves are very narrow

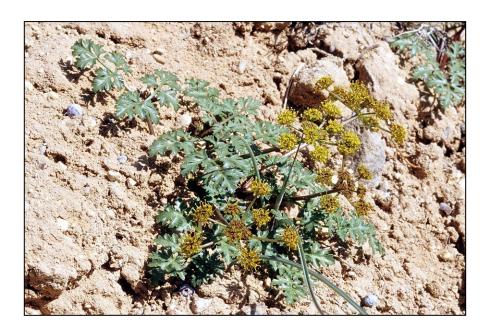






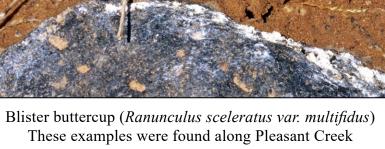


Variable spring-parsley (Cymopterus purpureus var. purpureus)



















Golden mariposa (*Calochortus auerus*)
Another common name is Golden sego lily







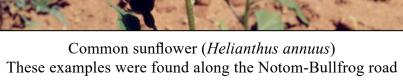


Rayless Daisy (Erigeron aphanactis)









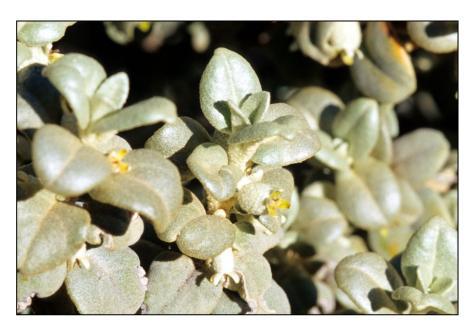








Roundleaf buffaloberry (*Shepherdia rotundifolia*)
The tiny yellow flowers are often difficult to see at a distance











Yellow salsify (*Tragapogon dubius*)
This plant comes from Europe and is common throughout the U.S.





Milkweed milkvetch (Astrafalus asclepiadoides)







Showy stoneseed (Lithospermum incisum)







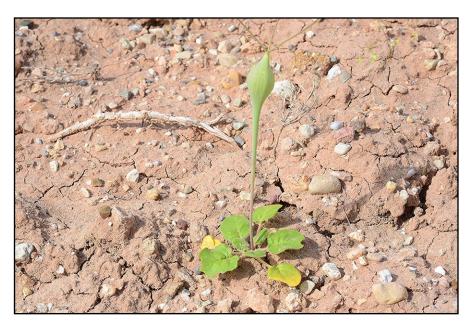
Yellow sweet-clover (*Melilotus officinalis*)
Found along the Scenic Drive



Desert trumpet (*Eriogonum inflatum*)
Found along the Scenic Drive



Other common names for this plant are Bottlebush and Bottlestopper









Curly gumweed (Grindelia squarrosa)









Rubber rabbitbrush (Chrysothamnus nauseosus)









Whitestem blazing-star (Mentzelia albicaulis)









Scapose greenthread (Thelesperma subnudum)





Gunweed aster (Machaeranthera grindelioides var. grindelioides)





Four-wing saltbush (Atriplex canescens var. canescens)









Wetherkill's buckwheat (Eriogonum wetherkilli)





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