



Blooming Wildflowers

as of April 30, 2012

The wild flower bloom has spread throughout the park. Visitors will see many different species, though not large concentrations, in bloom along roads and most trails. Please park safely to enjoy the flowers, and watch out for desert tortoises and snakes crossing the roads.

The new location: "QV" or Queen Valley indicates the section of Park Boulevard between the Pinto Basin Road junction and Quail Springs, and the surrounding area.

This is our final wildflower report for spring, 2012

Key	Location	Elevation in feet	Key	Location	Elevation in feet	Key	Location	Elevation in feet
49	49 Palms Oasis	2700	CC	Coxcomb Mtns	1500 – 3000	PB	Pinto Basin	1800
BD	Barker Dam	4280	CW	Cottonwood	3100	QV	Queen Valley	4000 – 4500
BJ	Bajada	2000	HV	Hidden Valley	4200	WE	West Entrance	3520
BR	Black Rock	4000	NE	North Entrance	2810	WC	Wilson Canyon	3000

On a scale of one to ten, the number that appears under the location key refers to an estimate of the relative abundance of flowers at that location, with "1" indicating a few scattered blooms and "10" indicating that the place is carpeted with that species!

Cacti

Common Name (flower color)	Scientific Name	BR	WE	HV	BD	49	QV	NE	WC	PB	CW	BJ	CC
Barrel (yellow)	<i>Ferocactus cylindraceus</i>							1		1	3	2	1
Beavertail (pink)	<i>Opuntia basilaris</i>				1			2		1	1	1	
Calico (pink)	<i>Echinocereus engelmannii</i>				1			1		3	3		
Common fishhook, nipple (pink)	<i>Mammillaria tetrancistra</i>									1			
Foxtail (pink)	<i>Coryphantha alversonii</i>									2			
Mojave mound (red)	<i>Echinocereus mojavenis</i>			1	1					1	1		
Silver / golden cholla (green & russet)	<i>Cylindropuntia echinocarpa</i>									2	2		
Teddybear/ jumping cholla (green)	<i>Cylindropuntia bigelovii</i>									2			

Yellow Flowers

Common Name	Scientific Name	BR	WE	HV	BD	49	QV	NE	WC	PB	CW	BJ	CC
Acton's brittle bush	<i>Encelia actoni</i>									2	2		4
Bladderpod	<i>Peritoma arborea</i>						3	2	4	4	4	4	
Blackbrush	<i>Coleogyne ramossissima</i>										3		
Blazing star	<i>Mentzelia albicaulis</i>									1	1		
Blue Palo Verde	<i>Parkinsonia florida</i>										2	3	
Brickell Bush	<i>Brickellia atractyloides</i>									2			
Brittlebush	<i>Encelia farinosa</i>								2	2	5	4	
Buckwheats:	<i>Eriogonum spp:</i>												
Desert trumpet	<i>E. inflatum var inflatum</i>						1	1		3	3		2
Flat-topped buckwheat	<i>E. deflexum var deflexum</i>									3	2		
Kidney-leaf buckwheat	<i>E. reniforme</i>									3			
Perry's buckwheat	<i>E. brachypodum</i>									1			
Yellow turbans	<i>E. pusillum</i>									3			
Thomas buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum Thomasii</i>									2	3	3	2
California juniper	<i>Juniperus californica</i>										1		

Checkered fiddleneck	<i>Amsinckia tessellata</i>						2		3	2	1		
Chinchweed	<i>Pectis papposa</i>												2
Coastal lotus	<i>Acmispon maritimus</i>									1			
Common fiddleneck	<i>Amsinckia menziesii</i>									1			
Coyote melon	<i>Cucurbita palmata</i>									1	1		
Creosote bush	<i>Larrea tridentata</i>			1		1	3			5	6	4	3
Desert dandelion	<i>Malacothrix glabrata</i>			1		1	2	5		4	2	2	
	<i>Malacothrix stebbinsii</i>									1			
Desert lotus, bird's-foot trefoil	<i>Acmispon strigosus</i>									2	2		4
Desert mistletoe	<i>Phoradendron californicum</i>			2					3	3	2		
Desert rockpea	<i>Acmispon rigidus</i>						3			5	2		
Desert senna	<i>Senna armata</i>								1	4	2		
Desert sunflower	<i>Geraea canescens</i>									2			4
Dyssodia, San Felipe dogwood	<i>Adenophyllum porophylloides</i>									2	2		
Eastwood's fiddleneck	<i>Amsinckia intermedia</i>									1			
Golden linanthus	<i>Leptosiphon aureus</i>									1			
Golden suncups	<i>Chylismia brevipes</i>							1			1	1	
Honey mesquite	<i>Prosopis glandulosa</i>										2		
Heart-leaved suncup	<i>Chylismia cardiophylla</i>										1		3
Mojave ragweed	<i>Senecio mohavensis</i>									1	1		2
Mormon tea	<i>Ephedra nevadensis</i>		1		1			1	2	3	4		
Palmer's beadpod, Bladderpod	<i>Lesquerella palmerii</i>									1	1		
Parish's golden poppy	<i>Eschscholzia parishii</i>								1	2	2	2	1
Parish's viguiera, goldeneye	<i>Bahiopsis parishii</i>							1		1	1		
Pygmy cedar	<i>Peucephyllum schottii</i>										2		1
Pygmy poppy	<i>Eschscholzia minutiflora</i>		3							1	1		1
Prince's plume	<i>Stanleya pinnata</i>										4		
Purple bush	<i>Tertracoccus hallii</i>									4	3		
Rayless goldenhead	<i>Acamptopappus sphaeocephalus</i>									1	1		
Rock live-forever	<i>Dudleya saxosa</i>									2	3		
Sahara mustard (an invasive species)	<i>Brassica tournefortii</i>									2	2	2	1
Shrubby butterweed	<i>Senecio flaccidus</i>							1		1	4		
Silver puffs	<i>Uropappus lindleyi</i>									2	1		
Sweetbush	<i>Bebbia juncea var aspera</i>									2	2		2
Tickseed	<i>Coreopsis spp</i>								2				
Trixis	<i>Trixis californica var californica</i>									1	3		
Wallace's woolly daisy	<i>Eriophyllum wallacei</i>		2		2		2	2	2	1	1		
Whispering bells	<i>Emmenanthe penduliflora</i>									1	1		
Yellow/ thick-leaved ground cherry	<i>Physalis crassifolia</i>							1		2	2		4
Yellowhead, yellowdome	<i>Trichoptilium incisum</i>									1	1		4
Yellow twining snapdragon	<i>Antirrhinum filipes</i>									2	1		
Yellow tansy mustard	<i>Descurainia pinnata</i>								1				

Red or Orange Flowers

Common Name	Scientific Name	BR	WE	HV	BD	49	QV	NE	WC	PB	CW	BJ	CC
Annual muhly (grass)	<i>Muhlenbergia microsperma</i>									4			
Burroweed, White bursage	<i>Ambrosia dumosa</i>									2	5		
Chuparosa	<i>Justicia californica</i>										4	2	

Desert/ Globe mallow	<i>Sphaeralcea ambigua</i>		1	1					3	3	4		1
Desert Paintbrush	<i>Castilleja angustifolia</i>		1				1						
Hopsage	<i>Grayia spinosa</i>						2						
Ocotillo	<i>Fouquieria splendens</i>									4	4	2	
Scarlet milkvetch (on Lost Palms trail)	<i>Astragalus coccineus</i>										1		
Thurber's spineflower	<i>Centrostephia thurberi</i>									1			

White Flowers

Common Name	Scientific Name	BR	WE	HV	BD	49	QV	NE	WC	PB	CW	BJ	CC
Anderson's desert thorn	<i>Lycium andersonii</i>									2	3		
Bearded forget-me-not	<i>Cryptantha barbiger</i>								1	1	1	2	2
Beargrass	<i>Nolina bigelovii</i>									1	1		
Bigelow's linanthus	<i>Linanthus bigelovii</i>									1			
Brown-eyed evening primrose	<i>Chylismia claviformis</i>						1			3	2	2	
California mustard	<i>Caulanthus lasiophyllus</i>									1			
Cheesebush	<i>Ambrosia salsola</i>							1		3	4	3	
Climbing milkweed	<i>Funastrum hirtellum</i>								3	2	1	2	2
Comb burr	<i>Pectocarya recurvata</i>								1	1	1		
	<i>Pectocarya heterocarpa</i>								1				
	<i>Pectocarya setosa</i>								1				
Cooper's desert thorn	<i>Lycium cooperi</i>									2			
Cooper's paper daisy	<i>Psilostrophe cooperi</i>										1		
Cooper's wild cabbage	<i>Caulanthus cooperi</i>									1			
Daisy desert star	<i>Monoptilon bellidiforme</i>									1			
Desert almond	<i>Prunus fasciculata</i>									1			
Desert apricot	<i>Prunus fremonti</i>										1		
Desert alyssum	<i>Lepidium fremontii</i>									4	2	1	3
Desert chicory	<i>Rafinesquia neomexicana</i>									1	1		
Desert forget-me-not	<i>Cryptantha angustifolia</i>								3	1	1	1	1
	<i>Cryptantha circumcissa</i>									1			
	<i>Cryptantha maritima</i>									2			
	<i>Cryptantha nevadensis</i>									2			
	<i>Cryptantha pterocarya</i>									2			
	<i>Cryptantha utahensis</i>									3			
	<i>Cryptantha dumetorum</i>									1			
Desert pincushion	<i>Chaenactis steviodes</i>									3	2		
Desert rock daisy	<i>Perityle emoryi</i>								1	1	1	1	2
Desert star	<i>Monoptilon belloides</i>									3	4		
Desert star vine, desert jewel star	<i>Brandegea bigelovii</i>							1		4	5		3
Desert tobacco	<i>Nicotiana obtusifolia</i>							1		2	2		2
Ditaxis	<i>Ditaxis lanceolata</i>									1	1	1	1
	<i>Ditaxis neomexicana</i>									2			
Dune evening primrose	<i>Oenothera deltoides</i>						2						
Dwarf cottonrose	<i>Logfia depressa</i>									1	1		
Everlasting nest straw	<i>Stuloclone gnapholoides</i>									1			
Fiesta flower	<i>Pholistoma membranaceum</i>									3	1		
Fremont's pincushion	<i>Chaenactis fremontii</i>		1						3	2	5	2	
Fringepod	<i>Thysanocarpus curvipes</i>									2	1		

Desert milkweed	<i>Asclepias erosa</i>										2			
Desert verbena	<i>Abronia villosa</i>										2			
Filaree, red-stemmed storksbill	<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>						1	1			3	4	1	
Hairy prairie clover	<i>Dalea mollis</i>													1
Heliotrope, laceleaf phacelia	<i>Phacelia distans</i>										5	3	2	
Indigo bush	<i>Psoralea schottii</i>										1	1		
Lilac sunbonnet	<i>Langloisia setosissima</i>													1
Littleleaf rhatany	<i>Krameria erecta</i>										3	3		
Milkvetch	<i>Astragalus spp</i>					1	3							
Mojave aster	<i>Xylorhiza tortifolia</i>										2	4		
Mohave lupine	<i>Lupinus sparsiflorus</i>						1		1		1	1		
Notch-leaf scorpion weed	<i>Phacelia crenulata</i>										3	3	2	3
Odora	<i>Porophyllum gracile</i>										2	2		
Paper bag bush	<i>Scutellaria mexicana</i>		1								4	6		
Parry's dalea	<i>Marina parryi</i>										3			
Purple mat	<i>Nama demissum</i>							1	1		5	3	1	
Rock hibiscus, paleface	<i>Hibiscus denudatus</i>													2
Sand cress	<i>Calyptidium monanandrum</i>										1			
Silky dalea	<i>Dalea mollissima</i>													2
Small flowered milkvetch	<i>Astragalus nuttallianus</i>										2			
Smallseed fagonia	<i>Fagonia laevis</i>										1	3		2
Spanish needles	<i>Palafoxia arida var arida</i>										2	1		1
Specter's phacelia	<i>Phacelia pedicellata</i>										4	2		
Star gilia	<i>Gilia stellata</i>										3	3		
Stork's bill	<i>Erodium texanum</i>										2			
Transmontane gilia	<i>Gilia transmontana</i>										1			
Turpentine broom	<i>Thamnosma montana</i>			1			1	1						
White rhatany	<i>Krameria bicolor</i>										1			
Windmills	<i>Allionia incarnata</i>										1	1		1

Blue Flowers

Common Name	Scientific Name	BR	WE	HV	BD	49	QV	NE	WC	PB	CW	BJ	CC
Canterbury bell, desert bell	<i>Phacelia campanularia</i>									4	2	1	
Desert woolly star	<i>Eriastrum eremicum</i>									1	2		
Parish's larkspur	<i>Delphinium parishii</i>									1			
Woolly bluestar	<i>Amsonia tomentosa</i>						2				2		

Green & Brown Flowers

Common Name	Scientific Name	BR	WE	HV	BD	49	QV	NE	WC	PB	CW	BJ	CC
Arrowleaf	<i>Pleurocoronis pleuriseta</i>									3	2		2
Beetle spurge	<i>Euphorbia eriantha</i>										3		
Big galleta grass	<i>Hilaria rigida</i>									5	1		
Brittle spineflower	<i>Chorizanthe brevicornu</i>									5	4	2	2
California snakebush	<i>Colubrina californica</i>												3
Desert fescue grass	<i>Festuca microstachys</i>									2			

