

Joshua Tree National Park

Wildflower Report



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Weekly wildflower reports are posted on the park website, <http://www.nps.gov/jotr/planyourvisit/blooms.htm>, throughout the peak season (typically mid-February through early May). Add your observations and photos of wildflowers to the Joshua Tree National Park Wildflower Watch project using the free app iNaturalist, or check it out online at <http://www.inaturalist.org/projects/joshua-tree-national-park-wildflower-watch>.

South Entrance

I-10 to Cottonwood Canyon



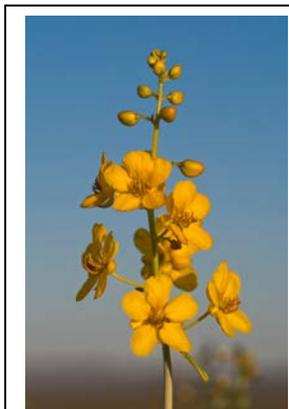
Ocotillos (*Fouquieria splendens*) along the “bajada”-alluvial slope.



Fields of Joshua Tree Poppies (*Eschscholzia androuxii*) at the mouth of Cottonwood Canyon. Lupines (*Lupinus arizonicus*) are starting at the Bajada All Access Trail.

Pinto Basin

Pinto Basin Rd



Desert Senna (*Senna armata*) at Ocotillo Patch



Desert Lilly (*Hesperocallis undulata*) at Pinto Dunes.



Sand Verbena (*Abronia villosa*) at Pinto Dunes



Abundant yet stunted Brown-eyed Primrose (*Chylismia claviformis*) and (*Cryptantha* sp.) are growing basin-wide. The entire Pinto Basin Road is lined with flowering Creosote Bushes (*Larrea tridentata*). The Ocotillo (*Fouquieria splendens*) At the Ocotillo Patch are blooming. Cholla Garden has blooms.

Park Blvd

Loop road from
The Village of
Joshua Tree to
Twentynine
Palms, CA



Sarah Jane Pepper

Claret-Cup Cactus (*Echinocereus
mojavensis*) is blooming!



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Tickseeds (*Coreopsis californica*) are
blooming south of the North Entrance.

**49 Palms
Canyon**

Canyon Rd,
Twentynine
Palms, CA



Barrel Cactus (*Ferocactus cylindraceus*).



Brittle Bush (*Encelia farinosa*).

**Black Rock
Canyon**

Joshua Lane,
Yucca Valley, CA



Joshua Tree Poppies (*Eschscholzia
androuxii*), Distant Phacelia (*Phacelia
distans*) and Chia (*Salvia columbariae*)
along the Hi-View Nature Trail.



Purple Rooted Forget-me-not
(*Cryptantha micrantha*) as well as many
other” belly-flowers” delight the
dedicated naturalist.

Let Them Grow

Leave wildflowers undisturbed for others to enjoy. Joshua Tree was first established as a national monument in 1936 to protect desert vegetation that was being carried away and planted in Los Angeles gardens. Today, help us continue in our mission “to preserve unimpaired” the beautiful plants of the Mojave and Colorado Deserts: don’t pick wildflowers.