



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>.

Park Boulevard

West Entrance to the
North Entrance



Desert Bells (*Phacelia campanularia*), Indian Paintbrush (*Castilleja chromosa*), and Chia (*Salvia columbariae*) can be seen on and around the California Riding and Hiking Trail near Twin Tanks.



Parry's nolina (*Nolina parryi*), Mojave yucca (*Yucca schidigera*), and Mojave mound cactus (*Echinocereus mojavenensis*) are among the species blooming in spectacular fashion in the Barker Dam and Hidden Valley areas. Near the West Entrance beavertail cactus (*Opuntia basilaris*), desert fiddleneck (*Amsinckia tessellata* var. *tessellata*), paperbag bush (*Scutellaria Mexicana*), and desert globemallow (*Sphaeralcea ambigua*) have all been spotted recently.



Paper Bag Bush (*Scutellaria Mexicana*) in bloom near the West Entrance.



Beavertail Cactus (*Opuntia basilaris*) with abundant of pink flowers.

Jumbo Rocks

chia (*Salvia columbariae*), lupine (*Lupinus sp.*), desert trumpet (*Eriogonum inflatum*), poppies, wooly daisy (*Eriophyllum wallacei*), tidy tips (*Layia glandulosa*), paperbag bush (*Scutellaria mexicana*), Mojave mound cactus (*Echinocereus mojavensis*), Mojave yucca (*Yucca schidigera*).

West Entrance

Lots of variety blooming along the roadway including evening primrose (*Oenothera sp.*), milk vetch (*Astragalus sp.*), blackbrush (*Coleogyne ramosissima*), wooly daisy (*Eriophyllum wallacei*), goldenbush (*Ericameria sp.*), tidy tips (*Layia glandulosa*), chia (*Salvia columbariae*), snakeweed (*Gutierrezia sp.*), and desert trumpet (*Eriogonum inflatum*).

49 Palms Canyon

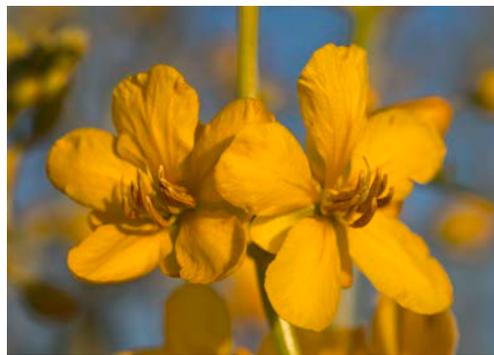
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Barrel Cactus (*Ferocactus cylindraceus*)

Wilson Canyon

Pinto Basin Road



Desert senna (*Senna armata*), indigo bush (*Psoralethamnus arborescens* var. *simplicifolius*), desert chicory (*Rafinesquia sp.*), brittlebush (*Encelia sp.*), and desert rock pea (*Acemispom rigidus*) add to the sparse beauty of Wilson Canyon.

Indian Cove

Brown-eyed primrose (*Chylismia claviformis*)



Beavertail cactus (*Opuntia basilaris*) near the ranger station.

Blooms are spreading in the area, including ground cherry (*Physalis sp.*), chia (*Salvia columbariae*), desert tobacco (*Nicotiana obtusifolia*), desert bells (*Phacelia sp.*), silver cholla (*Cylindropuntia echinocarpa*), hedgehog cactus (*Echinocereus engelmannii*), California barrel cactus (*Ferocactus cylindraceus*).

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.