Wildflowers of the Antelope Valley

JJane Pinheiro Interpretive Center

POPPY FAMILY (Papaveraceae)

CALIFORNIA POPPIES Eschscholzia californica



Botanical name *Eschscholzia californica* was given to the plant by a naturalist on an 1816 Russian expedition to California who named it in honor of the ship's surgeon, Dr. Eschscholtz



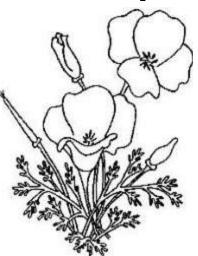
Botanical name originally included the "t" in the doctor's name (*Eschscholtzia Californica*). Recently changed to omit the t.



Color can vary from brilliant orange to occasionally, white or yellow *Photo courtesy Toni Wagner*

CALIFORNIA POPPY WITH BEETLE SEED POD FORMING

For the following slides wildflowers typically found at the Poppy Reserve are indicated with a poppy graphic:



Prickly Poppy

Found West of the Poppy Reserve











BUSH POPPIES

(A shrub found most often in Bouquet Canyon & other mountain locations)

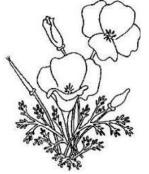


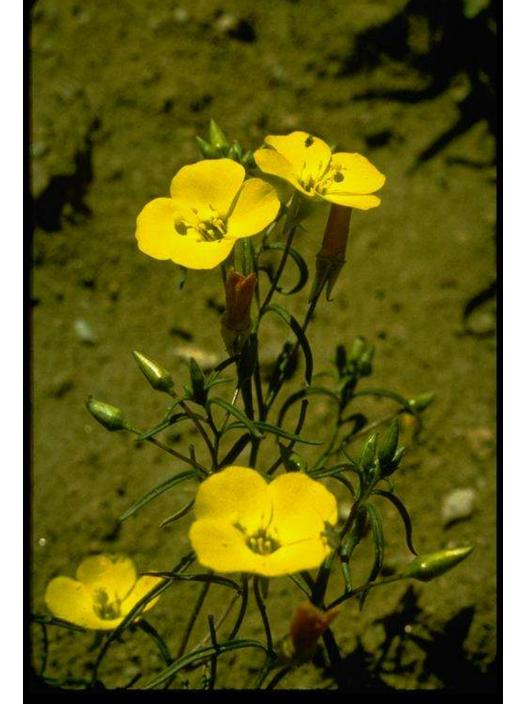
PRIMROSE FAMILY

(Onagraceae)

MOJAVE SUNCUP (Field Suncup)









DUNE **PRIMROSE** (Desert Lantern, Birdcage **Primrose** Look for this at Saddleback Butte State Park and along the nature trail at the **Antelope Valley Indian Museum**



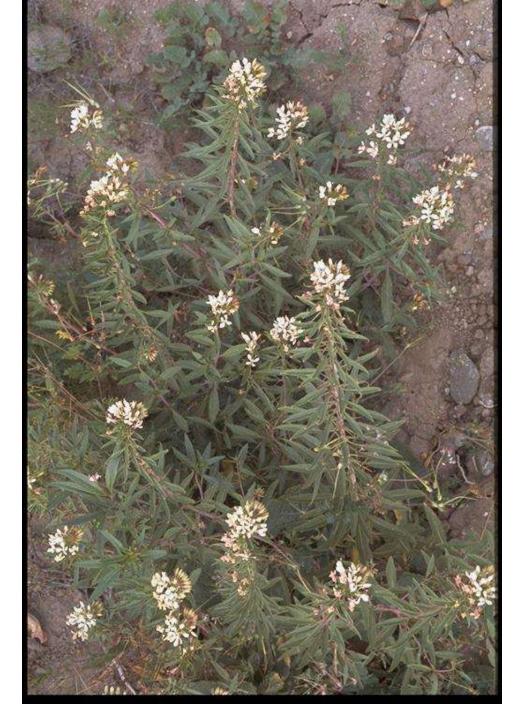


DUNE PRIMROSE Aka Birdcage Primrose

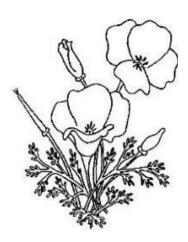
Look for this at the Indian Museum and Saddleback Butte

BOTTLEWASHER (Booth's Suncup)

Different subspecies found throughout desert. Look for in in the "Red Rooster" are of Red Rock Canyon State Park.



BROWN EYED PRIMROSE (Clavate Fruited Primrose)





CALIFORNIA EVENING PRIMROSE



PHLOX FAMILY

Polemoniaceae







EVENING SNOW



Davy, Broad Flowered Gilia, or Holly Leaf Gilia



Colors: white to lavender Look for this at Ripley Desert Woodland

Figwort, Plantain & Snapdragon Family

(Orbonachaceae, Scrophulariaceae, Phrymaceae, and

Plantaginaceae)



OWL'S CLOVER (with goldfields)



Paintbrush



CHINESE HOUSES

(Davidson's Blue-eyed Mary, Davidson's collinsia) Found in sandy areas of the desert and foothills. Look for it along Backus Road west of the 14 Freeway.



SCARLET BUGLER

Look for this at Ripley Desert Woodland S.P.



COMMON MONKEY FLOWER (Roundleaf Monkeyflower)



Grows in rocky places along the edge of the desert. Look for this in the Angeles Forest lower elevations.



Themidaceae Family (formerly part of Lily or Liliaceae Family)

BRODIAEA or WILD HYACINTH (Blue Dick)

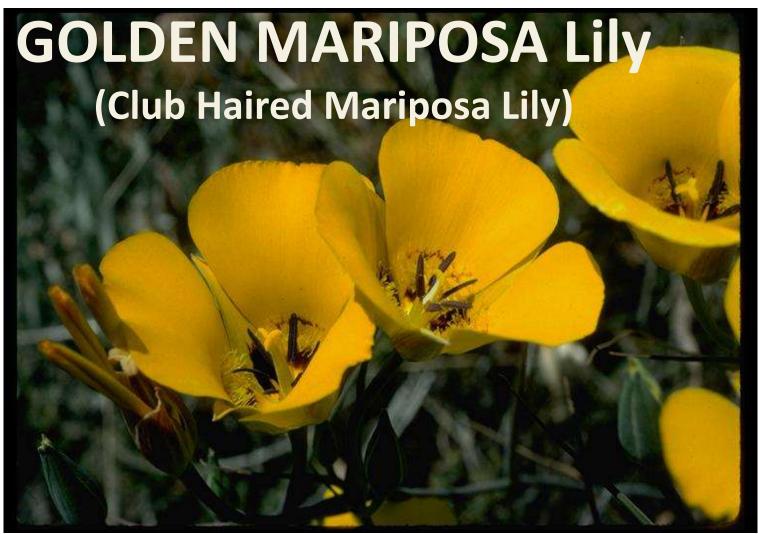








Lily Family (Liliaceae)



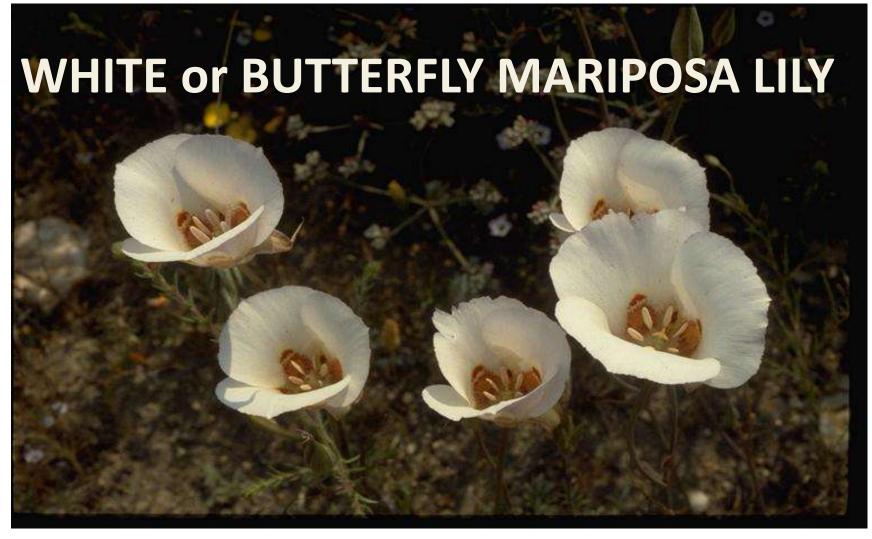
Found in colonies on the desert edge and canyons. Look for it along back roads in the Tehachapi Mountain (Caliente-Bodfish Road south of Lake Isabella)



DESERT MARIPOSA LILY

Look for this brilliant red wildflower in Red Rock Canyon State Park.





Look for this in Vasquez Canyon County Park and Devil's Bunch Bowl County Park.





FRINGED ONION



Sunflower Family (Asteraceae)





Look for this at Ripley Desert Woodland

DESERT DANDELION





Very common east of Poppy Reserve, in and around the City of Lancaster. Also, Ripley Desert Woodland.

SILVER PUFF









MOJAVE (DESERT) ASTER



Look for this at Saddleback Butte State Park



CALIFORNIA COREOPSIS

This annual can cover large areas at Saddleback Butte S.P. and other areas of the Eastern Antelope Valley.

Bigelow coreopsis is found at the Poppy Reserve.

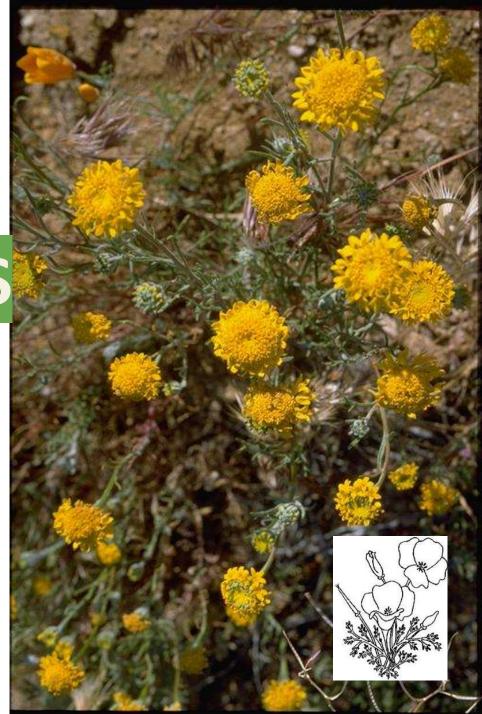
FREMONT PINCUSHION

This annual can cover large areas at Saddleback Butte State Park and other areas throughout the Antelope Valley



YELLOW PINCUSHIONS

Widespread. Found at Ripley Desert Woodland and Saddleback Butte State Park.





Interior Goldenbush, Narrowleaf Goldenbush

A perennial found at Ripley Desert Woodland State Park.

ACTON ENCELIA or Acton Daisy

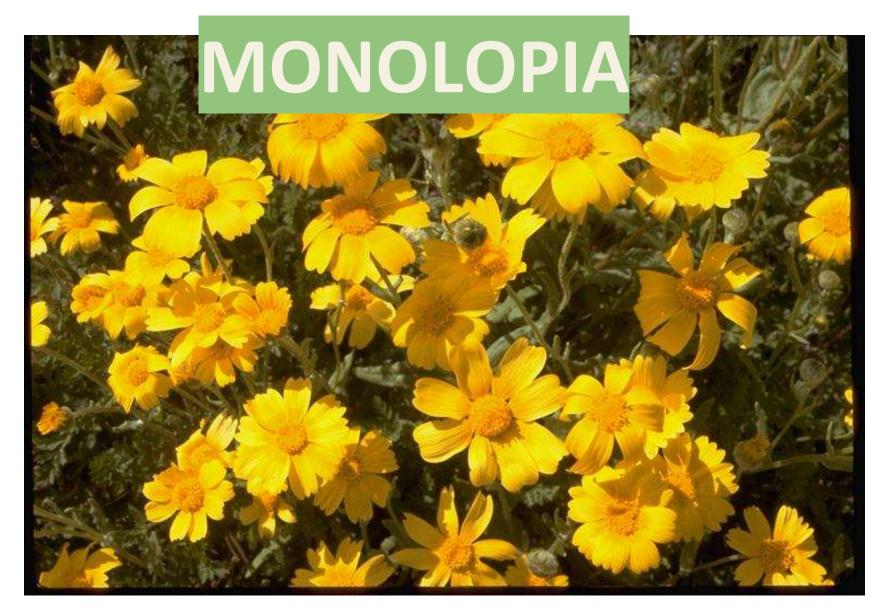




MOJAVE THISTLE

Found throughout the Eastern Antelope Valley. Look for it at Saddleback Butte State Park.





Western Antelope Valley. Also Bacchus Road.

Mint Family (Lamiaceae)



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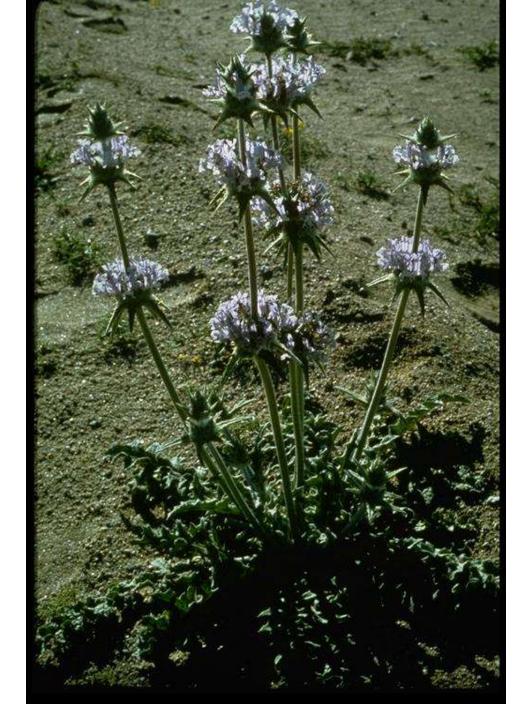
Ripley Desert Woodland



THISTLE SAGE

East of Lancaster

Saddleback Butte State Park



THISTLE SAGE FLOWER

PURPLE SAGE

(Dorr's Sage, Desert Sage)

Found at Ripley Desert Woodland S.P.



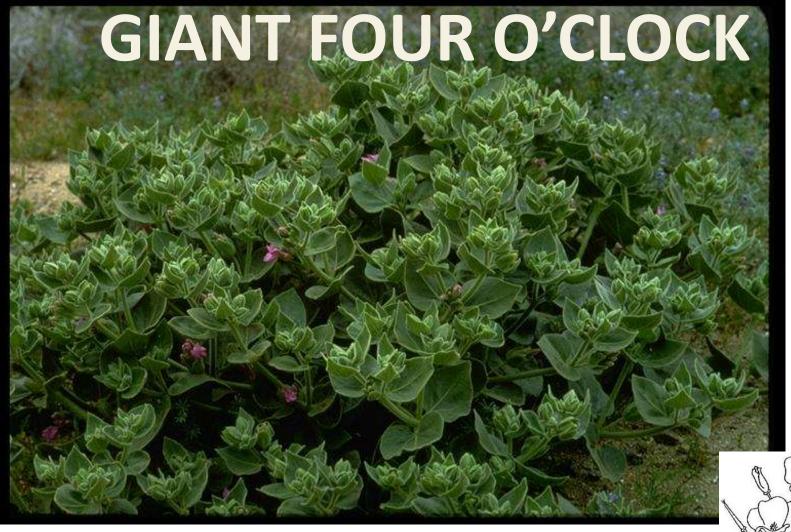
WHITE SAGE

Grows on the desert edge



FOUR O'CLOCK FAMILY (Nyctaginaceae)







WHITE GIANT FOUR O'CLOCK



WISHBONE BUSH





Found at Saddleback Butte S.P.

Borage or Forget-Me-Not Family (Boraginaceae)



FIDDLENECK



FORGET ME NOT





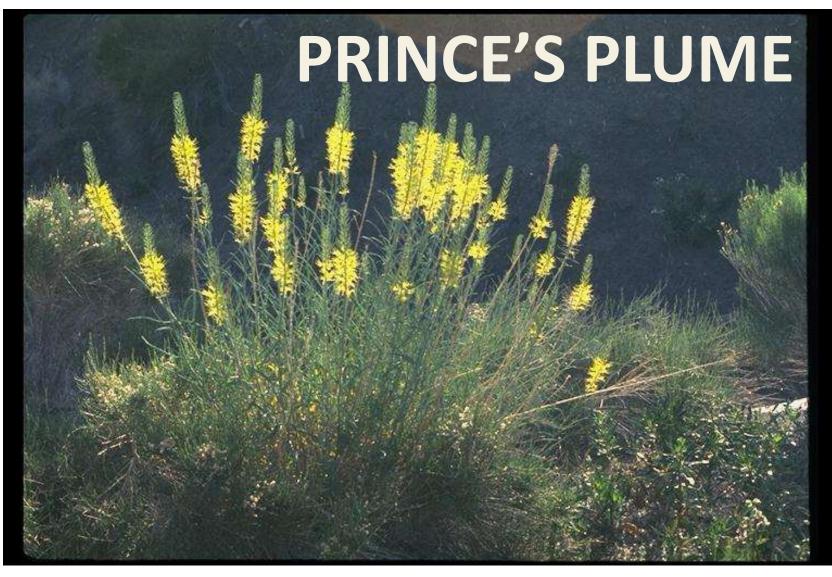
RED-STEM FILAREE (Common Stork's





Mustard Family (Brassicaceae)





Found along the San Andreas Fault from Leona Valley to Big Rock Creek. Also, Red Rock Canyon.

SLENDER KEEL FRUIT



DESERT CANDLE





East of Saddleback Butte S.P.

WESTERN WALLFLOWER

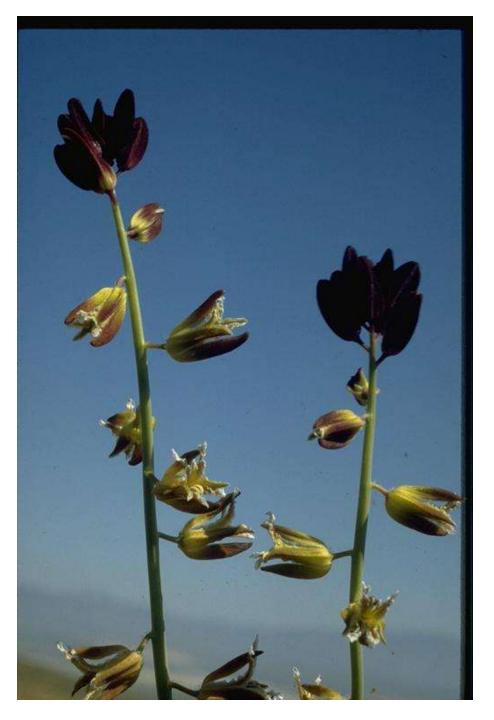


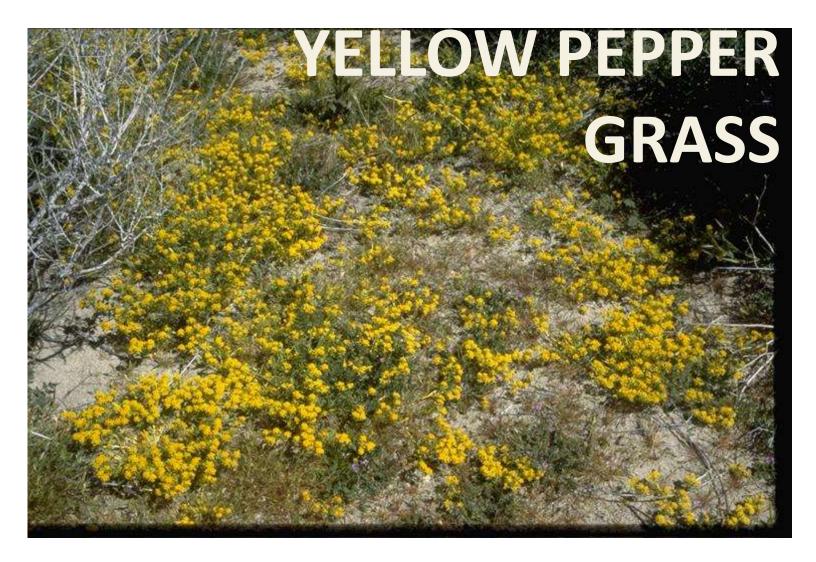
Devil's Punchbowl County Park



JEWEL FLOWER

Foothills surrounding Lake Isabella





Eastern Antelope Valley – Wilsona Area

BUCKWHEAT FAMILY (Polygonaceae)



CALIFORNIA BUCKWHEAT







WILD RHUBARB

Saddleback Butte S.P.



Waterleaf Family (Hydrophillaceae)



LACY PHACELIA







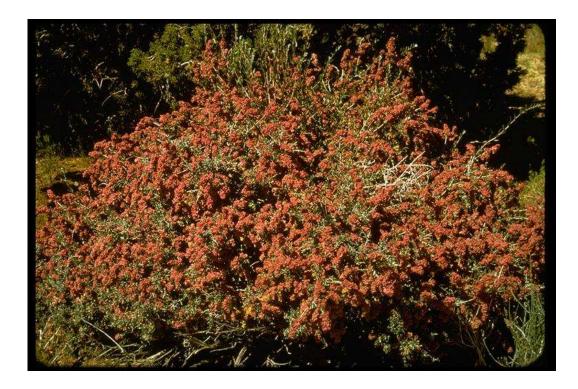
Tehachapi-Willow Spring Road and Munz Ranch Road near Lake Elizabeth

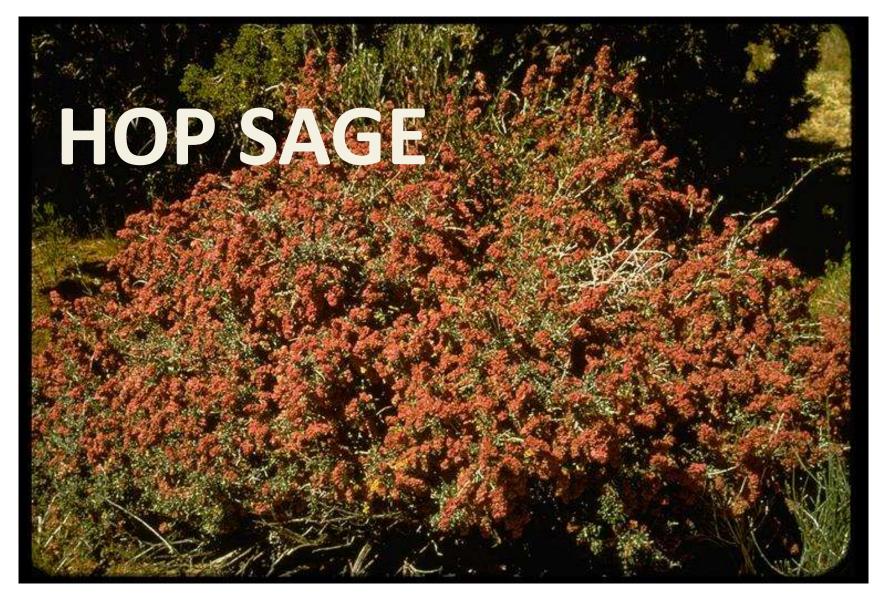
PURPLE MAT



Grows in sandy areas. Found at Saddleback Butte State Park.

Pigweed Family (Chenopodiaceae)

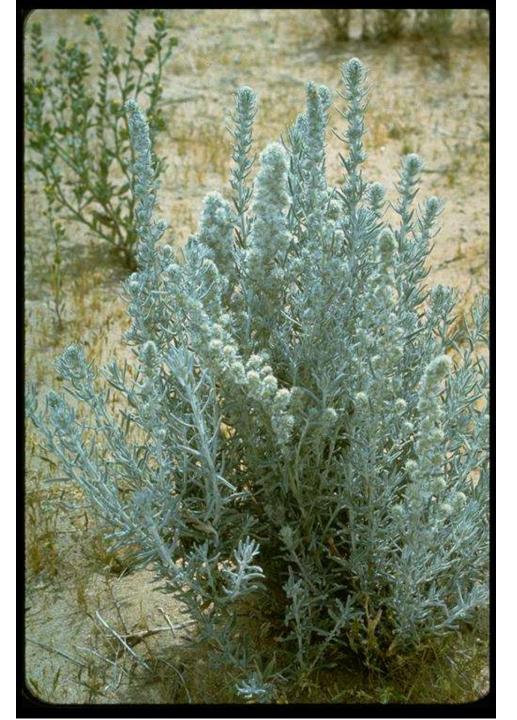




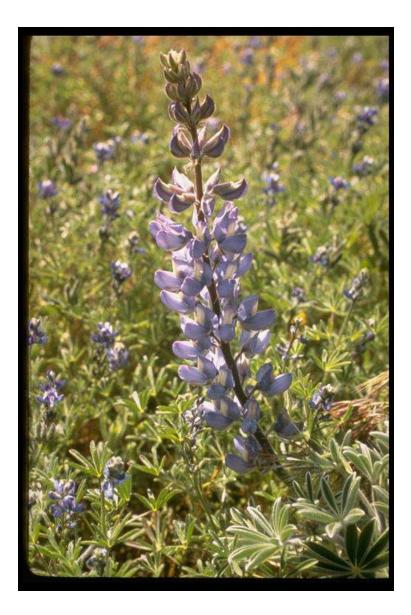
Common on the desert floor

WINTER FAT

Widespread on the desert floor in sandy areas. Found at Saddleback Butte State Park. An important winter food for grazing animals.



Pea Family (Fabaceae)



Bush Lupine (Grape soda Lupine)









Pygmy leaved lupine

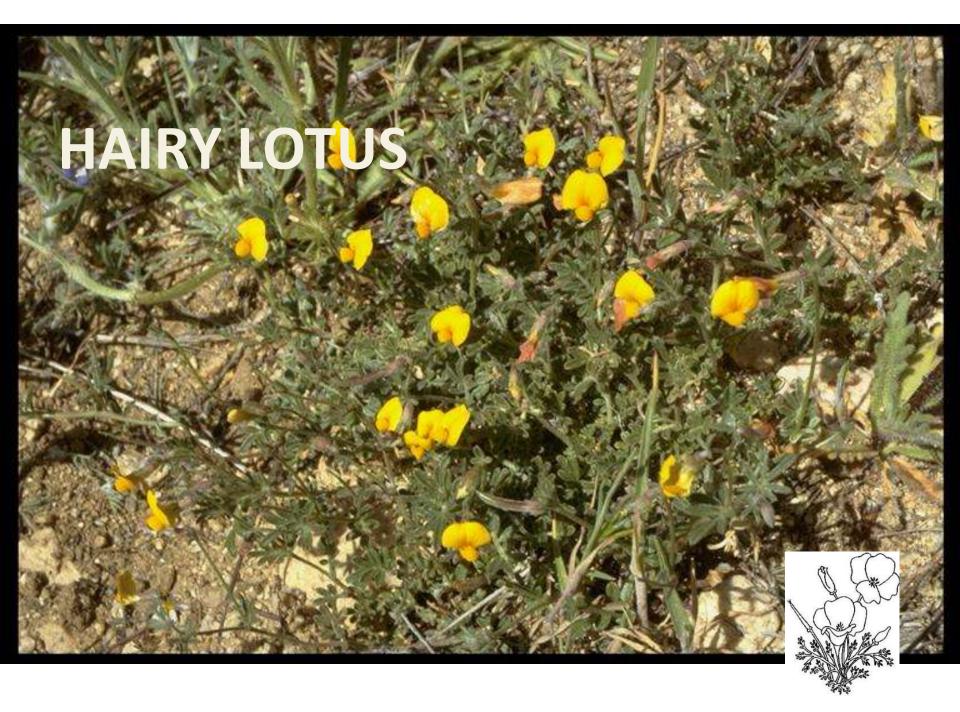
(Miniature lupine)





LOCO WEED SEEDPODS





Agave Family

(Agavaceae)

JOSHUA TREE





JOSHUA TREE BUD -MATURE



JOSHUA TREE

JOSHUA TREE SEED PODS

Nightshade Family (Solanaceae)

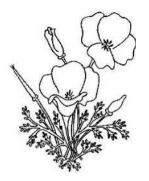


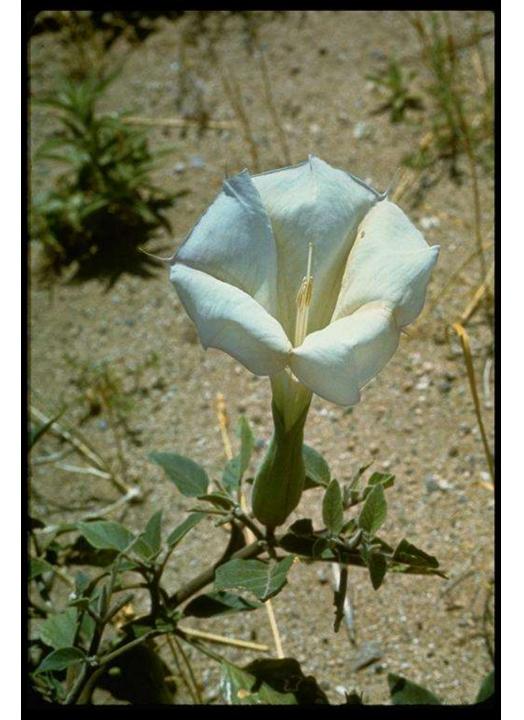


Found on the desert edge.

Jimson Weed (Sacred Thorn Apple)

Toxic!







Spurge Family (Euphorbiaceae)

Rattlesnake Weed or Rattlesnake Sand Mat

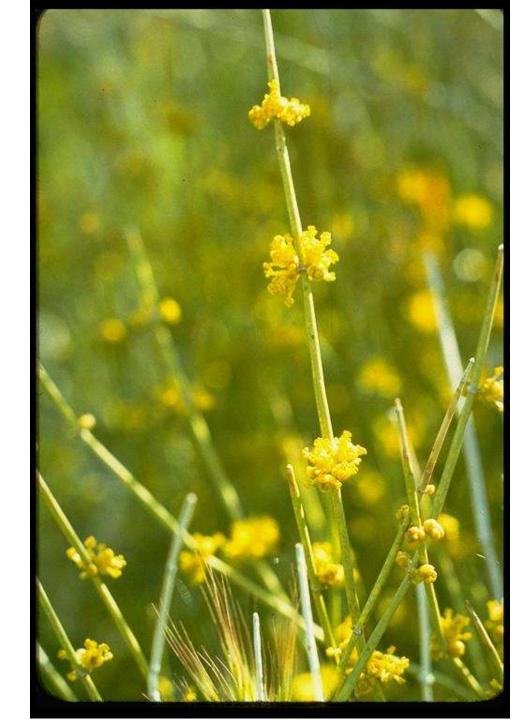




or Desert Tea

Ephedra Family (Ephedraceae)





COMET BLAZING STAR (White Stemme Blazing Star)

Loasa Family (Loasaceae) Blooms at Ripley Desert Woodland

Beaver Tail Cactus



Cactus Family (Cactaceae)



DESERT PARSLEY

Carrot Family (Apiaceae)



Red Maids

Purslane Family (Portulacaceae)

