

Blooming Calendar of Selected Plants in Cold Canyon

This blooming calendar indicates the primary color of each of the species' flowers, the nature of the plant [vine (V) or shrub (S) if not herb] and the month in which particular species commonly begin blooming.

Color code: B = blue; G = green; M = maroon; O = orange; P = pink; R = Red; Rc = Red crimson; Rp = Red pink; V = purple (violet); W = white; Y = yellow. More than one letter = several colors; letters separated by dash, e.g. O-Y = that range of color.

Climatic variation may alter the blooming calendar. For example, in colder years, the timing of blooming for some species may be delayed. This list was original compiled by Kate Mawdsley with additions by Sandy Harcourt.



Color	Common Name	Type	Scientific Name	Family
January				
W	Milk Maids; Toothwort		<i>Cardamine californica</i>	Brassicaceae
February				
N/G	Pipevine	(V)	<i>Aristolochia californica</i>	Aristolochiaceae
B	Large-leaved hound's tongue		<i>Cynoglossum grande</i>	Boraginaceae
W	Wild cucumber	(V)	<i>Marah fabaceus</i>	Cucurbitaceae
Rp	Parry manzanita	(S)	<i>Arctostaphylos manzanita</i>	Ericaceae
R	Red maids		<i>Calandrinia ciliata</i>	Portulacaceae
W-Rp	Miner's lettuce		<i>Claytonia perfoliata</i>	Portulacaceae
RpY	Henderson's shooting star		<i>Dodecatheon hendersonii</i>	Primulaceae
W	California saxifrage		<i>Saxifraga californica</i>	Saxifragaceae
Rc	Indian warrior		<i>Pedicularis densiflora</i>	Scrophulariaceae
March				
Y	Gamble weed		<i>Sanicula crassicaulis</i>	Apiaceae
O	Fiddleneck		<i>Amsinckia menziesii</i>	Boraginaceae
Rc	Western redbud	(S)	<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	Fabaceae
P	Fleshy lupine		<i>Lupinus succulentus</i>	Fabaceae
B-W	Vari-leaf nemophila		<i>Nemophila heterophylla</i>	Hydrophyllaceae
W	Caterpillar phacelia		<i>Phacelia cicutaria</i>	Hydrophyllaceae
W	Imbricate phacelia		<i>P. imbricata</i>	Hydrophyllaceae
Y	California poppy		<i>Eschscholtzia caespitosa</i>	Papaveraceae
B-V	Bird's eyes		<i>Gilia tricolor</i>	Polemoniaceae
Rp	True baby stars		<i>Linanthus bicolor</i>	Polemoniaceae
W	Virgin's bower	(V)	<i>Clematis lasiantha</i>	Ranunculaceae
B	Foothill delphinium		<i>Delphinium hesperium</i>	Ranunculaceae
Rs	Canyon delphinium		<i>D. nudicaule</i>	Ranunculaceae
B	Jim brush	(S)	<i>Ceanothus oliganthus</i>	Rhamnaceae

B-W	Buck brush	(S)	<i>C. cuneatus</i>	Rhamnaceae
W-Y-G	Sandbar willow	(S)	<i>Salix exigua</i>	Salicaceae
W-Rp	Hill star		<i>Lithophragma heterophyllum</i>	Saxifragaceae
B-V	Purple nightshade		<i>Solanum xantii</i>	Solanaceae
B	Blue dicks		<i>Dichelostemma capitatum</i>	Liliaceae
Y+P	Checker-lily		<i>Fritillaria affinis</i>	Liliaceae

April

W	Yarrow		<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Asteraceae
Y	Foothill mule-ears		<i>Wyethia helenioides</i>	Asteraceae
O-Y	Western Wallflower		<i>Erysimum capitatum</i>	Brassicaceae
W	Blue elderberry	(S)	<i>Sambucus mexicanus</i>	Sambucaceae
R-P+W	Pacific peavine		<i>Lathyrus vestitus</i>	Fabaceae
B-V	Bush lupine		<i>Lupinus albifrons</i>	Fabaceae
W+Rp+B	White-whorled lupine		<i>Lupinus microcarpus</i> var. <i>densiflorus</i>	Fabaceae
Rc-P	Slender clover		<i>Trifolium gracilentum</i>	Fabaceae
P	Rose clover		<i>T. hirtum</i>	Fabaceae
Rp	Tomcat clover		<i>T. willdenovii</i>	Fabaceae
W	Toyon	(S)	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Rosaceae
P+W	Chinese houses		<i>Collinsia heterophylla</i>	Scrophulariaceae
P-W	Spinster's blue-eyed Mary		<i>C. sparsiflora</i>	Scrophulariaceae
O	Bush monkey flower	(S)	<i>Mimulus aurantiacus</i>	Scrophulariaceae
M	California figwort	(S)	<i>Scrophularia californica</i>	Scrophulariaceae
B	Blue-eyed grass		<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>	Iridaceae
Y	Golden fairy lantern		<i>Calochortus amabilis</i>	Liliaceae
B	Ithuriel's spear		<i>Triteleia laxa</i>	Liliaceae
W	Fremont's star-lily		<i>Zigadenus fremontii</i>	Liliaceae

May

Y	Yellow star thistle		<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	Asteraceae
Y	Woolly sunflower		<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i>	Asteraceae
Rc	Spice bush		<i>Calycanthus occidentalis</i>	Calycanthaceae
Y	California broom, deerweed	(S)	<i>Lotus scoparius</i>	Fabaceae
W-Y	California tea		<i>Rupertia physodes</i>	Fabaceae
Y	California buckeye		<i>Aesculus californica</i>	Hippocastanaceae
W	Yerba santa	(S)	<i>Eriodictyon californicum</i>	Hydrophyllaceae
W	Pitcher sage		<i>Lepechinia calycosa</i>	Lamiaceae
Rp	Red ribbons		<i>Clarkia concinna</i>	Onagraceae
Y	Four-spot		<i>C. purpurea</i>	Onagraceae
P	Elegant clarkia		<i>C. unguiculata</i>	Onagraceae
W	Chamise		<i>Adenostoma fasciculata</i>	Rosaceae
W-P	Valley tassels		<i>Castilleja attenuata</i>	Scrophulariaceae
R	Woolly paintbrush		<i>C. foliolosa</i>	Scrophulariaceae
B	Foothill penstemon		<i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i>	Scrophulariaceae
P	Long-spurred plectritis		<i>Plectritis ciliosa</i>	Valerianaceae
V	Elegant brodiaea		<i>Brodiaea elegans</i>	Liliaceae
B	Twining lily		<i>Dichelostemma volubile</i>	Liliaceae
P	Long-tubed iris		<i>Iris fernaldii</i>	Iridaceae

Y Common madia
 Y Whispering bells
 V Downy navarretia
 W-Rp Many-flowered buckwheat
 R Martin's Indian paintbrush
 Y-G California wild grape
 Y Gold nuggets

June

Madia elegans Asteraceae
 Emmenanthe penduliflora Hydrophyllaceae
 Navarretia pubescens Polemoniaceae
 Eriogonum dasyanthum Polygonaceae
 Castilleja applegateii Scrophulariaceae
 Vitis californica Vitaceae
 Calochortus luteus Liliaceae

Y California rock parsnip
 W Yampah; Squaw root
 W/P Narrow-leaved milkweed
 W Coyote bush
 W-P Green cudweed
 Y California sunflower
 B-P Leather root
 W White sweet clover
 Y Klamathweed
 W+Rp+P Coyote mint

July

Lomatium californicum Apiaceae
 Perideridia kelloggii Apiaceae
 Asclepias fascicularis Asclepiadaceae
 Baccharis pilularis Rosaceae
 Gnaphalium californicum Asteraceae
 Helianthus californicus Asteraceae
 Hoita macrostachya Fabaceae
 Melilotus alba Fabaceae
 Hypericum perforatum Hypericaceae
 Monardella villosa Lamiaceae

W+Y Mugwort
 R-W Twiggy wreath plant
 Rs Annual willow-herb

August

Artemisia douglasiana Asteraceae
 Stephanomeria virgata Asteraceae
 Epilobium canum Onagraceae

W-V Broad-leaved aster
 W California brickellia
 Small-flowered
 W-Rp calycadenia
 Y Western goldenrod
 Y Great Valley grindelia
 W-Y Field tarweed
 Y Prickly lettuce

September

Aster radulinus Asteraceae
 Brickellia californica Asteraceae
 Calycadenia pauciflora Asteraceae
 Euthamia occidentalis Asteraceae
 Grindelia camporum Asteraceae
 Hemizonia congesta ssp. luzulaefolia Asteraceae
 Lactuca serriola Asteraceae

Rp Chaparral currant (S)

November

Ribes malvaceum Grossulariaceae