

California Wildflowers

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Of interest to nature lovers and wildflower enthusiasts, this iPhone and iPod Touch application includes over 600 detailed images of over 400 species of the most beautiful California wildflowers and flowering shrubs. Flowers can be selected by plant family, habitat or by flower color. Features include an index of common and Latin names. A text is provided for each plant describing the growth form, size, habitat, bloom period, distribution within the California, elevation range and page references to useful guides and floras. Application also provides links to external pages on the Jepson interchange and CalPhotos.

The user interface is designed to give you multiple ways to quickly find the information you need. You can browse thumbnails arranged by color and family; search based on blooming period, plant type, habitat, name, or keyword; look through the alphabetic index of scientific and common name; and save bookmarks for quickly returning to plants you've found. The app includes an introduction, built-in help, and a glossary.

There are over 6,000 species of ferns and flowering plants known to occur in California. There are over 100 wildflower species shown from each of the eight geographic areas, most with over 200. [Sierra Nevada – 322; Southwestern California – 253; Central Western California – 215; Northwestern California – 211; Desert Province – 146; Cascade Ranges – 176; Great Basin Province – 123; and Great Central Valley – 116]. There are 62 families represented, including Asteraceae (51 species), Liliaceae (29 species), Scrophulariaceae (42 species), and Fabaceae and Onagraceae (22 species each). [See below for complete list of families.]

Most of the photographs were taken by Edge of Eden, Larry Norris, Jim Shevock, and others. Many species have both close-up images of the flower as well as full plant images. As new and/or upgraded images become available they will be offered to users which can be added to this information system.

The elevation ranges are based on *The Jepson Manual*, and in converting to feet, were rounded down or up to the nearest 50' respectively for lower and upper ranges. (For example, for the elevation 1500 m, when it is the "floor" of an elevation range, it was converted to 4900'; but when it is the "ceiling" of an elevation range, it was converted to 4950'.) Keep in mind that the elevation range described in *The Jepson Manual* is for the full geographic range of the species, not just in the Sierra Nevada.

The bloom period is based on *A Flora of Southern California*, and *A California Flora and Supplement*. The brief plant descriptions and habitat information were compiled and condensed from *The Jepson Manual*, *A Flora of Southern California*, and *A California Flora and Supplement*.

The numbers after the references listed for each species refer to page number for text description (bold), page and key letter for illustration (in italics). When indicating that a species is illustrated, the following "rule" applies: if a taxon is a species (not subspecies), that taxon will be considered illustrated if the species or any subspecies is illustrated; if a taxon is a subspecies, it will be considered illustrated only if that subspecies is illustrated.

Plant families included in this app: Acanthaceae, Apocynaceae, Aristolochiaceae, Asclepiadaceae, Asteraceae, Bignoniaceae, Boraginaceae, Brassicaceae, Cactaceae, Calycanthaceae, Campanulaceae, Capparaceae, Caprifoliaceae, Caryophyllaceae, Convolvulaceae, Crassulaceae, Crossosomataceae, Cucurbitaceae, Ericaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Fabaceae, Fouquieriaceae, Gentianaceae, Geraniaceae, Grossulariaceae, Hydrophyllaceae, Iridaceae, Krameriaceae, Lamiaceae, Lentibulariaceae, Liliaceae, Limnanthaceae, Linaceae, Loasaceae, Lythraceae, Malvaceae, Nyctaginaceae, Nymphaeaceae, Onagraceae, Orchidaceae, Orobanchaceae, Paeoniaceae, Papaveraceae, Philadelphaceae, Plantaginaceae, Polemoniaceae, Polygalaceae, Polygonaceae, Portulacaceae, Primulaceae, Ranunculaceae, Rosaceae, Rubiaceae, Rutaceae, Saururaceae, Saxifragaceae, Scrophulariaceae, Simmondsiaceae, Solanaceae, Violaceae, Zygophyllaceae.