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California Wildflowers to Color

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California poppy

*Eschscholzia californica*

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California buttercup

Ranunculus californicus

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scarlet monkeyflower

Erythranthe cardinalis
sticky phacelia

Phacelia viscida

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Santa Ynez false lupine

Thermopsis macrophylla
California wild rose

*Rosa californica*

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tidy tips

*Layia platyglossa*

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snowflower

*Sarcodes sanguinea*
farewell-to-spring

Clarkia dudleyana

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bleeding heart

Dicentra formosa

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California fuchsia

Epilobium canum
beach suncup

*Camissonia cheiranthifolia*
California Native Wildflowers to Color

This delightful collection of drawings is from a coloring book first published by the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden in 1968, and revised in 1992. California Plants to Color, by Jacqueline Broughton, included over 50 drawings of California’s magnificent and varied flora, but has been unavailable for over two decades. We have selected a dozen drawings of native California wildflowers from the book for your coloring pleasure.


Each of the dozen enclosed pages showcases a single plant species, individually printed on heavy-weight paper for your coloring pleasure, perfect for distribution to a tableful of children (or adults!) or to simply enjoy one at a time. We have included a short handout about the California wildflowers, including flower color.

The wildflowers represented in this packet are a very small sample of California flora. There are over 6,500 native plant species in the California flora; over 2,400 of these are endemic, meaning they are found only within the state boundaries. Many California plant species are rare, endangered, or threatened, many due to habitat loss, among other factors. Native plants anywhere are the essential foundation of healthy ecosystems; we and virtually every animal on earth depend on them for our survival.

The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden is nestled into the foothills above Santa Barbara, a living museum of California native flora. Its 78 acres serve as a community resource, and a delightful place to experience nature firsthand. The Garden envisions a world where society understands the interdependency between people and plants, and acts to preserve the natural world. We foster the conservation of California’s native plants through our gardens, research, and education, and serve as a role model of sustainable practices. In 2016, the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden will celebrate 90 years of conservation efforts with the opening of the new Pritzlaff Conservation Center.

To learn more about protecting California’s natural heritage of native flora join the California Native Plant Society, or consider becoming a member of the Garden. There are native plant societies throughout the country, and around the world, to help educate the public about native plants, and support conservation efforts. Your membership in the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden supports our work in public education in California and beyond, helps to maintain our beautiful gardens, and funds essential research on native plants that applies to California and beyond. All that, plus free admission to our dog-friendly garden! Please visit our website www.sbbg.org for more information on the Garden, California native plants, and membership and volunteer opportunities.

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