

BOB'S TRAIL WILDFLOWER WALK

JUNE

Description: from trailhead at the end of Hearthstone Drive (access via Curling Drive in the Highlands), follow creekside trail to junction with Urban Connector trail. A pleasant trail even on hot days, especially when syringa is in bloom. Streamside habitat at base of north-facing slope includes some plants more commonly found at higher elevations, including wingfruit mariposa lily, Oregon checkermallow and Nuttall's cinquefoil (easily confused with the invasive sulphur-flowered cinquefoil, which is also present). Difficulty: less than a mile to junction and back, less than 200' elevation gain. Narrow rocky trail in places, with small stream crossings.

Plants listed alphabetically by genus within category. * indicates native species

WILDFLOWERS POSSIBLY IN BLOOM OR FRUIT

***Yarrow** (*Achillea millefolium*)

***Bird's-foot trefoil, Spanish-clover** (*Acmispon americanus* var. *americanus*; previously *Lotus purshianus*)

***Fiddleneck** (*Amsinckia* spp.) – species difficult to distinguish

***Western or intermediate dogbane** (*Apocynum floribundum*)

***Woolly-pod milkvetch** (*Astragalus purshii* var. *glareosus*)

***Arrowleaf balsamroot** (*Balsamorhiza sagittata*)

Corn gromwell (*Buglossoides/Lithospermum arvensis*)

***Wingfruit or white mariposa/sego lily** (*Calochortus eurycarpus*)

***Sagebrush or green-banded mariposa/sego lily** (*Calochortus macrocarpus* var. *macrocarpus*)

***Common miner's lettuce** (*Claytonia/Montia perfoliata*, possibly other species as well)

***Largeflower collomia** (*Collomia grandiflora*)

***Tapertip hawksbeard** (*Crepis acuminata*)

***Western hawksbeard** (*Crepis occidentalis*)

***Starry sulphur-flowered buckwheat** (*Eriogonum umbellatum* var. *ellipticum*) – single clump protected by tree near trailhead, lower than typical elevation

Stork- or cranesbill, filaree (*Erodium cicutarium*) – non-native

***Cleavers, bedstraw, stickywilly, goose-grass** (*Galium aparine*)

***Curly-cup gumweed** (*Grindelia squarrosa*)

***Ballhead waterleaf, woolly-breeches** (*Hydrophyllum capitatum*)

Field pepperweed (*Lepidium campestre*)

Lewis's flax (*Linus lewisii*) – native to Idaho, but most (all?) populations in Boise foothills result from post-fire seeding

***Narrowleaf biscuitroot** (*Lomatium simplex*, previously included in *L. triternatum*, nine-leaf biscuitroot)

***Longspur or polychrome lupine** (*Lupinus arbustus* [= *L. laxiflorus* in older references])

***Silver lupine** (*Lupinus argenteus*)

Alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*) – non-native

Long-headed poppy or blindeyes (*Papaver dubium*) – possibly from “wildflower” mixtures

***Silverleaf phacelia** (*Phacelia hastata* var. *hastata*)

***Longspur plectritis, Wedding-cake plant** (*Plectritis macrocera*)

***Nuttall's or slender cinquefoil** (*Potentilla gracilis* var. *fastigiata*)

Curlydock (*Rumex crispus*) – non-native

Small or garden burnet (*Sanguisorba minor*, alternatively *Poterium sanguisorba*) – non-native, frequently included in post-fire seeding mixes for livestock and wildlife forage

Bouncingbet, soapwort (*Saponaria officinalis*) – non-native, probably not yet in bloom

***Oregon checkermallow** (*Sidalcea oregana*)

***Sand fringe-pod** (*Thysanocarpus curvipes*)

***Foothill death-camas** (*Toxicoscordion/Zigadenus paniculatum*)

Yellow salsify or goat's-beard (*Tragopogon dubius*)

***Smallhead or maiden clover** (*Trifolium microcephalum*)

***Wild-hyacinth, large-flowered triteleia, or Douglas's brodiaea** (*Triteleia grandiflora*, previously *Brodiaea douglasii*)

SHRUBS AND TREES (mostly not in bloom)

- ***Basin big sagebrush** (*Artemisia tridentata* ssp. *tridentata*)
- ***Netleaf hackberry** (*Celtis reticulata*)
- ***Green rabbitbrush** (*Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus*)
- ***Rubber rabbitbrush** (*Ericameria* [formerly *Chrysothamnus*] *nauseosa*)
- Juniper** (*Juniperus* sp.) – bird-dispersed from cultivated plants
- ***Syringa or Lewis's mockorange** (*Philadelphus lewisii*)
- ***Black cottonwood** (*Populus trichocarpa*) – other species and/or hybrids possibly present
- ***Chokecherry** (*Prunus virginiana* var. *melanocarpa*)
- ***Bitterbrush, Antelope brush** (*Purshia tridentata*)
- ***Golden currant** (*Ribes aureum*)
- Dog rose** (*Rosa canina*) – non-native, with large hooked prickles, glabrous leaflets
- Obtuse- or Round-leaf dog rose** (*Rosa obtusifolia*) – like dog rose, but leaflets hairy
- ***Interior or Wood's rose** (*Rosa woodsii* subsp. *ultramontana*) – native, with slender prickles
- ***Sandbar willow** (*Salix exigua*)
- ***Willows** (*Salix* spp.) – several species locally, most are difficult to distinguish
- ***Western poison-ivy** (*Toxicodendron rydbergii*, alternatively *Rhus radicans*) – CAUSES DERMATITIS

GRASSES & GRASSLIKE PLANTS (not all in bloom, but evident)

- ***Thurber's needlegrass** (*Achnatherum/Stipa thurberianum*)
- Crested wheatgrass** (*Agropyron cristatum*) – intentionally introduced non-native
- ***Threeawn grass** (*Aristida purpurea* var. *longiseta*)
- Rattlesnake brome** (*Bromus briziformis*)
- Bromes** (at least two other *Bromus* species, difficult to identify)
- ***Douglas' sedge** (*Carex douglasii*)
- ***Sedge** (*Carex* sp.) – numerous native species, difficult to tell apart
- ***Common spike-rush** (*Eleocharis palustris*)
- ***Squirreltail grass** (*Elymus elymoides*, formerly *Sitanion hystrix*)
- (*)**Fescue** (*Festuca* sp.) – possible both planted and native species
- ***Needle-and-thread grass** (*Hesperostipa comata* [previously *Stipa*])
- Mediterranean barley** (*Hordeum marinum* ssp. *gussonianum* [= *H. geniculatum*])
- ***Common toad rush** (*Juncus bufonius* var. *bufonius*)
- ***Straightleaf or pointed rush** (*Juncus orthophyllus*)
- ***Great Basin wildrye** (*Leymus/Elymus cinereus*)
- Bulbous bluegrass** (*Poa bulbosa*)
- ***Sandberg bluegrass** (*Poa secunda*)
- (*)**Bluebunch wheatgrass** (*Pseudoroegneria spicata*, alternatively in *Agropyron* or *Elymus*)
- Intermediate wheatgrass** (*Thinopyrum intermedium*, alternatively in *Elytrigia* or *Elymus*)
- Rattail fescue** (*Vulpia/Festuca myuros*) or similar species

SIGNIFICANT NOXIOUS WEEDS (some not yet in bloom, but evident)

- Jointed goatgrass** (*Aegilops cylindrica*) – invasive non-native
- Cheatgrass** (*Bromus tectorum*)
- Bachelor buttons, cornflower** (*Centaurea cyanus*) – invasive non-native
- Rush skeletonweed** (*Chondrilla juncea*)
- Field bindweed, wild morning-glory** (*Convolvulus arvensis*)
- Mouse or wall barley** (*Hordeum murinum*)
- Whitetop** (*Lepidium* [previously *Cardaria*] *draba*)
- Sulphur cinquefoil** (*Potentilla recta*)
- Tumble or Jim Hill mustard** (*Sisymbrium altissimum*)
- Medusahead grass** (*Taeniatherum/Elymus caput-medusae*)
- Ventenata or North African wiregrass** (*Ventenata dubia*)