

**PLANT LIST FOR CAMEL'S BACK/HULLS GULCH WALK**  
**mid to late May**

**Description:** a 1½ mile loop hike beginning from 9<sup>th</sup> Street Trailhead, including Camels' Back ridge and Red-winged Blackbird trail. Total elevation gain about 350 feet. Plants likely to be in flower, weedy, or otherwise noteworthy listed below, arranged alphabetically by current scientific name. NATIVE species in ALL CAPS.

- BOISE SAND-VERBENA** (*Abronia mellifera* var. *pahoveorum*) – RECENTLY DESCRIBED, very rare and local  
**Box-elder** (*Acer negundo* var. *violaceum*) – non-native tree; var. *interius* with finely hairy twigs is native in eastern Idaho but not locally  
**YARROW** (*Achillea millefolium*)  
**Jointed goatgrass** (*Aegilops cylindrica*) – invasive non-native  
**Crested wheatgrass** (*Agropyron cristatum*) – intentionally introduced non-native  
**TAPERTIP ONION** (*Allium acuminatum*)  
**MOUNTAIN OR THINLEAF ALDER** (*Alnus incana* ssp. *tenuifolia/incana*) – small tree  
**Desert alyssum** (*Alyssum desertorum*) and/or **pale alyssum** (*Alyssum alyssoides*) – widespread non-natives, difficult to tell apart; also called madwort  
**FIDDLENECK** (*Amsinckia* spp.) – species difficult to distinguish  
**Bur chervil** (*Anthriscus caucalis/scandicina*) – recently established, rapidly spreading invasive non-native with hitch-hiking seeds  
**Burdock** (*Arctium minus*) – non-native, not yet in bloom  
**BASIN BIG SAGEBRUSH** (*Artemisia tridentata* ssp. *tridentata*)  
**THREEAWN GRASS** (*Aristida purpurea* var. *longiseta*)  
**HERMIT MILKVETCH** (*Astragalus eremiticus*)  
**MULFORD'S MILKVETCH** (*Astragalus mulfordiae*) – RARE SPECIES  
**WOOLLY-POD MILKVETCH** (*Astragalus purshii* var. *glareosus*)  
**ARROWLEAF BALSAMROOT** (*Balsamorhiza sagittata*)  
**AMERICAN WINTERCRESS OR YELLOWROCKET** (*Barbarea orthoceras*)  
**SHINING, TALL, OR HOLLY-LEAVED OREGON-GRAPE** (*Berberis aquifolium* [alternatively *Mahonia*]) – possibly escaped from cultivation locally  
**WATER BIRCH** (*Betula occidentalis*) – large shrub to small tree  
**Cheatgrass** (*Bromus tectorum*) – invasive non-native  
**Corn gromwell** (*Buglossoides* [previously *Lithospermum*] *arvense*) – non-native  
**SAGEBRUSH MARIPOSA OR SEGO LILY** (*Calochortus macrocarpus*) – probably not yet in bloom  
**SEDGE** (*Carex* sp.) – species difficult to distinguish  
**Bachelor buttons, cornflower** (*Centaurea cyanus*) – invasive non-native  
**Rush skeletonweed** (*Chondrilla juncea*) – invasive non-native  
**GREEN RABBITBRUSH** (*Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus*) – shrub  
**ENCHANTER'S-NIGHTSHADE** (*Circaea alpina*)  
**Canada thistle** (*Cirsium arvense*) – NOXIOUS WEED; not in bloom  
**MINER'S LETTUCE** (*Claytonia/Montia perfoliata*)  
**Poison hemlock** (*Conium maculatum*) – HIGHLY POISONOUS; noxious non-native  
**RED-OSIER DOGWOOD** (*Cornus stolonifera* s.l.)  
**BLACK HAWTHORN** (*Crataegus douglasii*) – large shrub to small tree  
**WESTERN HAWKSBEARD** (*Crepis occidentalis*)  
**Flixweed, Herb sophia** (*Descurainia sophia*) – weedy non-native  
**Russian-olive** (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*) – invasive non-native small tree  
**SQUIRRELTAIL GRASS** (*Elymus elymoides*, formerly *Sitanion hystrix*)

**RUBBER RABBITBRUSH** (*Ericameria* [formerly *Chrysothamnus*] *nauseosa*) – larger var. *hololeuca* common on slopes, transitioning to smaller var. *oreophila* on plateau

**SHAGGY FLEABANE** (*Erigeron pumilus* var. *intermedius*)

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

**WESTERN GOLDENROD** (*Euthamia occidentalis* [previously in *Solidago*]) – fall-blooming

**COMMON OR FIELD HORSETAIL** (*Equisetum arvense*)

**SMOOTH SCOURING-RUSH** (*Equisetum laevigatum*)

**CLEAVERS, BEDSTRAW, STICKYWILLY, GOOSE-GRASS** (*Galium aparine*)

**LARGELEAF AVENS** (*Geum macrophyllum* var. *perincisum*) – locally uncommon

**GUMWEED** (*Grindelia squarrosa*)

**English ivy** (*Hedera helix*) – non-native vine or ground-cover

**NEEDLE-AND-THREAD GRASS** (*Hesperostipa comata* [previously *Stipa*])

**Mouse or wall barley** (*Hordeum murinum*) – non-native invasive grass

**Juniper** (*Juniperus* sp.) – bird-dispersed from cultivated plants

**Purple deadnettle or henbit** (*Lamium purpureum*) – non-native

**Whitetop** (*Lepidium* [previously *Cardaria*] *draba*) – NOXIOUS WEED

**European privet** (*Ligustrum vulgare*) – non-native shrub

**NARROWLEAF OR GREAT BASIN BISCUITROOT** (*Lomatium simplex*, previously included in *L. triternatum*, nine-leaf biscuitroot)

**Tatarian honeysuckle** (*Lonicera tatarica*) – non-native shrub

**Purple loosestrife** (*Lythrum salicaria*) – NOXIOUS WEED; fall-blooming

**Common mallow, cheeseweed** (*Malva neglecta*) – weedy non-native

**Horehound** (*Marrubium vulgare*) – non-native, not yet in bloom

**Pineappleweed** (*Matricaria discoidea* [alternatively *M. matricarioides*, *Chamomilla suaveolens*])

**Yellow sweetclover** (*Melilotus officinalis*) – invasive non-native

**FOOTHILL OR PEAK SAXIFRAGE** (*Micranthes/Saxifraga nidifica*)

**Mouse-ear forget-me-knot, blue scorpion-grass** (*Myosotis micrantha/stricta*) – non-native

**Watercress** (*Nasturtium officinale* [previously *Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum*]) – non-native

**Catnip** (*Nepeta cataria*) – non-native, probably not yet in bloom

**Velvetweed or small-flowered gaura** (*Oenothera curtiflora*, previously *Gaura parviflora* or *G. mollis*) – not native to Boise foothills, possibly in post-fire seeding; not in bloom

**HOOKER'S EVENING-PRIMROSE** (*Oenothera elata/hookeri*) – possibly not yet in bloom

**PALE OR WHITE-STEMMED EVENING-PRIMROSE** (*Oenothera pallida*)

**Scotch thistle** (*Onopordum acanthium*) –NOXIOUS WEED

**Virginia creeper** (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*) – non-native vine

**Firecracker or Eaton's penstemon** (*Penstemon eatonii*) – native to Great Basin, intentionally introduced locally

**SILVERLEAF PHACELIA** (*Phacelia hastata*)

**SYRINGA, LEWIS'S MOCKORANGE** (*Philadelphus lewisii*)

**PRICKLYLEAF PHLOX** (*Phlox aculeata*) intergrading with less compact **LONGLEAF PHLOX** (*Phlox longifolia*)

**WOOLLY PLANTAIN, INDIAN-WHEAT** (*Plantago patagonica*)

**Bulbous bluegrass** (*Poa bulbosa*) – invasive non-native

**SANDBERG BLUEGRASS** (*Poa secunda*)

**BLACK COTTONWOOD** (*Populus trichocarpa*) – other species and/or hybrids probably present

**NUTTALL'S OR SLENDER CINQUEFOIL** (*Potentilla gracilis* var. *fastigiata*) – possibly not yet in bloom

**Cherry plum** (*Prunus cerasifera*) – non-native tree; several other non-native *Prunus* also semi-established

**BLUEBUNCH WHEATGRASS** (*Pseudoroegneria spicata*, alternatively in *Agropyron* or *Elymus*) – both native-to-site and planted races from other sites probably present

**BITTERBRUSH, ANTELOPE BRUSH** (*Purshia tridentata*)

**BLISTER BUTTERCUP, CURSED CROWFOOT** (*Ranunculus sceleratus* var. *multifidus*)

**GOLDEN CURRANT** (*Ribes aureum*) – in fruit  
**Black locust** (*Robinia pseudoacacia*) – non-native tree  
**Dog rose** (*Rosa canina*) – non-native shrub with thick curved prickles, invasive in some spots  
**Eglantine or sweetbriar rose** (*Rosa rubiginosa/eglanteria*) – non-native shrub, similar to dog rose but with glandular foliage  
**INTERIOR OR WOOD'S ROSE** (*Rosa woodsii* subsp. *ultramontana*) – native, with slender prickles  
**Himalayan blackberry** (*Rubus armeniacus/dicolor/procerus*) –invasive non-native with tasty berries  
**Curlydock** (*Rumex crispus*) – non-native  
**WILLOWS** (*Salix* spp.) – several species locally, most are difficult to distinguish except **SANDBAR WILLOW** (*Salix exigua*)  
**Bouncingbet, soapwort** (*Saponaria officinalis*) – non-native, probably not yet in bloom  
**Tall fescue** (*Schedonorus arundinaceus* [alternatively included in *Fescue*]) – non-native grass  
**Cereal or feral rye** (*Secale cereale*) – highly invasive non-native grass  
**Tumble or Jim Hill mustard** (*Sisymbrium altissimum*) – invasive non-native  
**Climbing nightshade, bittersweet** (*Solanum dulcamara*) – non-native vine, not yet in bloom  
**GOLDENROD** (*Solidago* sp.) – fall-blooming, species difficult to distinguish  
**Tamarisk, salt-cedar** (*Tamarix parviflora*) – invasive non-native shrub or small tree  
**WESTERN POISON-IVY** (*Toxicodendron rydbergii*, alternatively *Rhus radicans*) – CAUSES DERMATITIS  
**Yellow salsify or goat's-beard** (*Tragopogon dubius*) – non-native  
**Goat's-head, puncture-vine** (*Tribulus terrestris*) – NOXIOUS WEED; possibly not yet germinated  
**WILD-HYACINTH, LARGE-FLOWERED TRITELEIA, OR DOUGLAS'S BRODIAEA** (*Triteleia grandiflora*, previously *Brodiaea douglasii*)  
**BROADLEAF CATTAIL** (*Typha latifolia*)  
**Siberian elm** (*Ulmus pumila*) – non-native tree; other species and hybrids also present along stream  
**STINGING NETTLE** (*Urtica dioica* ssp. *holosericea*) – STINGING HAIRS; probably not yet in bloom  
**Mullein** (*Verbascum thapsus*) – non-native, not in bloom  
**European cranberrybush** (*Viburnum opulus* var. *opulus*) – non-native shrub  
**Rattail fescue** (*Vulpia/Festuca myuros*) – non-native grass

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