

LYDLE GULCH WILDFLOWER WALK
mid April to mid May

plants listed in approximate order of encounter within category; * designates native plants

Description: Begin at Lydle Gulch trailhead opposite Barclay Bay parking lot after crossing Lucky Peak Dam from Highway 21 (VERY FRAGILE SOILS near trailhead; stay on well-established trails!). South to trail crossing Lydle Creek ca ½ mile above Foote Park; trail cuts north to top of slope. Turn around at gate (with option of exploring network of dirt roads from Bonneville Point to Oregon Trail trailhead on Hwy 21), return to Lydle Creek and follow trail to Foote Park on east side of creek. Difficulty: 2 miles roundtrip, modest elevation gain. **Heavy clay soils; avoid when muddy, and stay on trails!**

WILDFLOWERS POSSIBLY IN BLOOM (or fruit)

- Stork- or cranesbill, filaree** (*Erodium cicutarium*) – non-native
- Spring whitlow-grass** (*Draba verna*) – tiny white flowers with notched petals, non-native
- ***Beckwith's violet, sagebrush pansy** (*Viola beckwithii*)
- ***Woolly-pod milkvetch** (*Astragalus purshii* var. *glareosus*)
- ***Hare's-foot milkvetch** (*Astragalus purshii* var. *lagopinus*) – very localized and rare
- European madwort** (*Alyssum simplex*)
- ***Hotrock penstemon** (*Penstemon deustus*)
- ***Western hawksbeard** (*Crepis occidentalis*)
- ***Fiddleneck** (*Amsinckia* spp.) – species difficult to distinguish
- ***Hermit milkvetch** (*Astragalus eremiticus*)
- ***Pricklyleaf phlox** (*Phlox aculeata*), some intergrading with **longleaf phlox** (*Phlox longifolia*)
- ***Arrowleaf balsamroot** (*Balsamorhiza sagittata*)
- ***Longspur or polychrome lupine** (*Lupinus arbustus* [= *L. laxiflorus* in older references])
- ***Narrowleaf biscuitroot** (*Lomatium simplex*, previously included in *L. triternatum*, nine-leaf biscuitroot)
- Spreading wallflower** (*Erysimum repandum*) – non-native annual
- ***Dwarf or Foote's Skullcap** (*Scutellaria nana*; includes *Scutellaria footeana*)
- ***Blue-eyed Mary** (*Collinsia parviflora*)
- ***Bolander's yampah** (*Perideridia bolanderi*)
- ***Wild-hyacinth, large-flowered triteleia, or Douglas's brodiaea** (*Triteleia grandiflora*, previously *Brodiaea douglasii*)
- ***Yellow bell** (*Fritillaria pudica*)
- ***Stoneseed, Puccoon, Gromwell** (*Lithospermum ruderale*)
- Jagged chickweed** (*Holosteum umbellata*) – inconspicuous non-native
- ***Sagebrush buttercup** (*Ranunculus glaberrimus*)
- ***Miner's lettuce** (*Claytonia/Montia perfoliata*, possibly also *C. rubra*)
- ***Sand fringe-pod** (*Thysanocarpus curvipes*)
- ***Longspur plectritis** (*Plectritis macrocera*)
- Corn gromwell** (*Buglossoides/Lithospermum arvensis*)
- ***Bulbous or pink woodlandstar/prairiestar** (*Lithophragma glabrum*, previously *L. bulbiferum*)
- ***Smallflower woodlandstar/prairiestar** (*Lithophragma parviflorum*)

- *Slender phlox (*Microsteris gracilis* var. *humilior*)
- *Cross-seed or slender poppercorn-flower (*Plagiobothrys tenellus*)
- *Dwarf or low pussytoes (*Antennaria dimorpha*)

UPLAND SHRUBS

- *Basin big sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata* subsp. *tridentata*)
- *Rubber rabbitbrush (*Ericameria* [previously *Chrysothamnus*] *nauseosa*)
- *Bitterbrush, Antelope brush (*Purshia tridentata*)
- *Serviceberry (*Amelanchier* sp.) – taxonomy in flux
- *Green rabbitbrush (*Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus*)

PRIMARY BUNCHGRASSES (mostly not in bloom, but evident)

- *Threeawn grass (*Aristida purpurea* var. *longiseta*)
- *Sandberg bluegrass (*Poa secunda*) – non-native *Poa bulbosa* also present
- *Great Basin wildrye (*Leymus/Elymus cinereus*)
- *Squirreltail grass (*Elymus elymoides*, previously *Sitanion hystrix*)
- *Bluebunch wheatgrass (*Pseudoroegneria spicata*, alternatively in *Agropyron* or *Elymus*) – both native-to-site and planted races from other sites probably present
- *Thurber's needlegrass (*Achnatherum/Stipa thurberianum*)
- *Idaho fescue (*Festuca idahoensis*)
- Tall or rush wheatgrass (*Thinopyrum ponticum*; alternatively in *Agropyron*, *Elymus*, *Elytrigia*) – non-native, frequently planted

SIGNIFICANT NOXIOUS WEEDS (not all in bloom, but evident)

- Cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*) -- other annual *Bromus* also present
- Rush skeletonweed (*Chondrilla juncea*)
- Medusahead grass (*Taeniatherum/Elymus caput-medusae*)
- Bur buttercup (*Ceratocephala/Ranunculus testiculata*)
- Whitetop (*Lepidium* [previously *Cardaria*] *draba*)
- Bindweed, wild morning-glory (*Convolvulus arvensis*)
- Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)

STREAMSIDE SHRUBS AND TREES (mostly not yet in bloom)

- Dog rose (*Rosa canina*) – non-native, with large hooked prickles
- *Willows (*Salix*) – several species, including sandbar willow (*Salix exigua*)
- *Syringa or Lewis's mockorange (*Philadelphus lewisii*)
- *Interior or Wood's rose (*Rosa woodsii* subsp. *ultramontana*) – native, with slender prickles
- *Golden currant (*Ribes aureum*)
- *Blue elderberry (*Sambucus cerulea*, alternatively *S. mexicana*)
- *Chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*) – an atypically tall form
- Siberian elm (*Ulmus pumila*) – non-native tree
- Black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*) – non-native tree
- *Red-osier dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera* s.l.)