

Wildflowers of Rabbit Mountain

Eagle Wind Trail

Boulder County Parks and Open Space

As soon as the soil warms in spring, flowers begin to appear on Rabbit Mountain. All kinds come and go during the season. Only the frost of fall stops the show. Come and see.

The most common flowering plants on Rabbit Mountain are listed here grouped by color*. Within each color, blooms** are listed in approximate chronological order.

Remember, please don't pick the flowers!

In a five year survey from 1999 to 2004, a total of 186 species were observed with 128 seen most years. Fifty one species are seen only occasionally or have been seen only once and so are not listed. During these years, rainfall in each year (7-14") was below the previous 10 year average of 15.5". In spite of this, the most common species grew and bloomed. Their numbers and height may have been less. But, our native flora has evolved in drought as well as better times. So, the wildflowers of Rabbit Mountain continue to bring us joy.

This project was completed by Ann Henson, Longmont CO. More information is available.

*Color: B=Blue, G=Green, R=Red, W=White, Y=Yellow	O=Orange, PI=Pink, PU=Purple		** Primary bloom time												
			Occasional bloom time												
			Blooming												
Common Name	Scientific Name	Flower Color	Early Apr	Mid Apr	Early May	Mid May	Early June	Mid June	Early July	Mid July	Early Aug	Mid Aug	Early Sept	Mid Sept	
Chiming bells	<i>Mertensia lanceolata</i>	B		2	3	4	5								
Blue flax	<i>Adenolinum lewisii</i>	B				4	5	6							
Common stickseed	<i>Lappula redowskii</i>	B			3	4	5								
Skullcap	<i>Scutellaria brittonii</i>	B				4	5								
Bluemist penstemon	<i>Penstemon virens</i>	B				4	5	6							
Western spiderwort	<i>Tradescantia occidentalis</i>	B					5	6	7	8					
Scurf pea	<i>Psoralidium tenuiflorum</i>	B						6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Common harebell	<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	B						6							
Sandberg bluegrass	<i>Poa secunda</i>	G			3	4									
Cheatgrass	<i>Anisantha tectorum</i>	G			3	4									
Rocky mountain bluegrass	<i>Poa agassizensis</i>	G				4	5								
Smooth brome	<i>Bromopsis inermis</i>	G				4									
Annual spurge	<i>Tithymalus spathulatus</i>	G				4	5								
Junegrass	<i>Koeleria macrantha</i>	G					5								
Japanese brome	<i>Bromus japonicus</i>	G					5								
Orchardgrass	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	G					5								
Needle and thread grass	<i>Hesperostipa comata</i>	G					5								
Squirreltail	<i>Elymus longifolius</i>	G					5								
Griffiths wheatgrass	<i>Elymus lanceolatus</i>	G					5								
Western wheatgrass	<i>Pascopyrum smithii</i>	G						6							
Canada bluegrass	<i>Poa compressa</i>	G						6							
Indiangrass	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	G						6	7						
Buffalograss	<i>Buchloe dactyloides</i>	G						6	7						
Green milkweed	<i>Asclepias viridiflora</i>	G						6	7	8					
Blue grama	<i>Chondrosium gracilis</i>	G							7						
Thickspike wheatgrass	<i>Elymus lanceolatus</i>	G							7						
Wolftail	<i>Lycurus phleoides</i>	G							7						
Sideoats grama	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	G							7	8					
Big bluestem	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	G							7	8	9				
Canada wildrye	<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	G							7	8					
Switchgrass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	G								8	9				
Little bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	G								8		10			
Tall dropseed	<i>Sporobolus asper</i>	G									10				
Sand dropseed	<i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i>	G											11	12	
Wild tarragon	<i>Oligosporus dracunculussp. glaucus</i>	G											11	12	
Field sagewort- gray	<i>Oligosporus campestris ssp. pacificus</i>	G												12	
Field sagewort- green	<i>Oligosporus campestris ssp. caudatus</i>	G												12	
Orange arnica	<i>Arnica fulgens</i>	O				4									
Copper mallow	<i>Sphaeralcea coccinea</i>	O				4	5	6							
Lanceleaf spring beauty	<i>Claytonia rosea</i>	PI	1	2	3										
Storksbill	<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	PI	1	2	3	4	5	6							
Wax currant	<i>Ribes cereum</i>	PI		2	3										
Fremont geranium	<i>Geranium caespitosum</i>	PI				4	5	6	7	8	9				
Mountain mahogany	<i>Cercocarpus montanus</i>	PI				4									
Sidebells penstemon	<i>Penstemon secundiflorus</i>	PI				4	5								
Scarlet gaura	<i>Gaura coccinea</i>	PI					5	6							
Tall gaura	<i>Gaura parviflora</i>	PI					5	6	7						
Say's rose	<i>Rosa sayi</i>	PI					5	6	7						
Wavyleaf thistle	<i>Cirsium undulatum</i>	PI						6	7						
Hairy four o'clock	<i>Oxybaphus hirsutus</i>	PI						6	7	8	9	10		12	
Fogfruit	<i>Phyla cuneifolia</i>	PI								8					

