

X	RED/PINK	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
M	Baby Stars (<i>Linanthus bicolor</i>)	Small red-pink trumpet-like flowers, low growing	Thinly divided leaves circle stem at intervals, Phlox Fam.
M	Carnation, Wild (<i>Petrorhagia dubia</i>)	Tiny pink flowers, 5 petals, slender erect stem	Pink Family, petals resemble pinked edges
L	Clarkia, Bilobed (<i>Clarkia biloba</i>)	4 pink petals each divided into 2 equal lobes	Erect stems, dry open slopes, grassy areas
L	Clarkia, Elegant (<i>Clarkia unguiculata</i>)	4 pink petals with shovel-shaped tip with red spot	Named for Capt. Wm. Clark of Lewis and Clark
M	Clarkia, Winecup (<i>Clarkia purpurea</i>)	Small cup-like flowers with 4 pink or purple stems	a.k.a. Farewell to Spring, due to long bloom season
M	Clover, Rosy (<i>Trifolium hirtum</i>)	Has pinkish flower heads, hairy stems and 3-lobed leaves	Weedy plant, grows in disturbed areas
L	Clover, Tom Cat (<i>Trifolium willdenovii</i>)	Reddish-purple flower heads, white tipped	Clovers are food source for several butterflies
E	Filaree, Red-stem (<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>)	5 small rosy-purple petals, low growing reddish stems	Storksbill shaped seed pod, Geranium Family
M	Geranium, Cut-leaved (<i>Geranium dissectum</i>)	Tiny, pale, rosy flowers, lancelike leaflets	8-16" tall, leaves narrowly lobed and sharply pointed
M	Geranium, Dove's Foot (<i>Geranium molle</i>)	Tiny pink flowers, 5 petals, low growing plant	Rounded leaves, plant used for food and medicines
M	Lily, Twining Snake (<i>Dichelostemma volubile</i>)	Urn-shaped flowers clustered on pinkish vining stems	Long weak stems seek support on branches etc.
L	Lotus, Spanish (<i>Lotus purshianus</i>)	Tiny, pale, rosy flowers, lancelike leaflets	Low growing in masses, Pea Family
M	Paintbrush, Indian (<i>Castilleja sp.</i>)	Bright red & green leafy bracts surrounding flower	Indians though snakes got their venom from this plant
M	Pink, Indian (<i>Silene californica</i>)	5 petals with 4 forked lobes, sticky hairs trap insects	Only Sierra <i>Silene</i> with red flowers, likes open shade
E	Red Maids (<i>Calandrinia ciliata</i>)	5 small, round red-pink petals, low growing, open areas	Seeds and foliage edible, blooms only in bright sunlight
M	Sidalcea, Hartweg's (<i>Sidalcea hartwegii</i>)	5 petals, pink flowers on slender grass-like stems	Mallow Family includes Hollyhock and Hibiscus
E	Storksbill, Long-beaked (<i>Erodium botrys</i>)	5 petaled small pink flowers, beak-like seed pods, weedy	a.k.a. Scissor Plant, seed coils resemble clock springs
L	Whisker Brush (<i>Linanthus ciliatus</i>)	Thin leaves circle stem at intervals (like Baby Stars)	Small pink tube flowers, 4-12" tall
VIOLET / PURPLE / BLUE			
E	Blue Dicks (<i>Dichelostemma capitatum</i>)	A few flowers in tight clusters on tall stalks	6 blue to purple petals, edible bulbs, Lily family
L	Brodiaea, Elegant (<i>Brodiaea elegans</i>)	Funnel-like flowers, long flower stalks at top of stem	6 violet to blue-purple petals, only <i>Brodiaea</i> sp. at BP
M	Chinese Houses, Purple (<i>Collinsia heterophylla</i>)	Numerous purple multi-colored flowers in tiers, shady slopes	Irregular shaped flowers, like shade, Snapdragon Family
L	Daisy, Narrow Leaved (<i>Erigeron foliosus</i>)	Daisy-like flowers, blue lavender to pink rays, yellow disks	Sunflower Family, a.k.a Foothill Fleabane or Leafy Daisy
M	Gilia, Bird's Eye (<i>Gilia tricolor</i>)	5 small multicolor petals, blue to purple, yellow tube	Branched stems, grow in grassy areas, blooms in sun
M	Gilia, Globe (<i>Gilia capitata</i>)	Round balls of many tiny white to violet flowers on tall stems	Phlox Family, likes dry, sandy slopes
L	Hyacinth, Wild (<i>Dichelostemma multiflorum</i>)	Many pink to blue-purple flowers in tight clusters, 6 petals	a.k.a Round-toothed Ookow, flower tubes narrow at top
E	Iris, Bowl-tubed (<i>Iris macrosiphon</i>)	White to pale yellow flowers with blue tinting	Iris was Greek goddess of rainbow, baskets from leaves
L	Larkspur, Hansen's (<i>Delphinium hansenii</i>)	Dark purple densely packed flower spikes 2-3' tall	Delphinium=dolphin-like, larkspur=spur on bird's leg
E	Larkspur, Zig-Zag (<i>Delphinium patens</i>)	Blue-violet spurred flowers on wiry stems, Buttercup Family	Larkspur are very toxic, only locoweed kills more animals
M	Lupine, Douglas's (<i>Lupinus nanus</i>)	4-20" tall, 1/2" dark blue flowers with white spot	Flowers in whorls around stem, hairy leaves and stems
M	Lupine, Miniature (<i>Lupinus bicolor</i>)	6-16" tall, 1/4" dark blue flowers, white spot turns magenta	Flowers whorled, easy to confuse with above species
M	Lupine, Narrow-leaved (<i>Lupinus benthamii</i>)	8-28" tall, bright blue flowers, leaflets very narrow	Flowers sometimes whorled, also called Spider Lupine
M	Milkweed, Purple (<i>Asclepias cordifolia</i>)	Clustered red-purple flowers, 5 down-turned petals	Smooth stems & leaves, hosts Monarch Butterfly larvae
M	Penstemon, Foothill (<i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i>)	Large snapdragon-like flowers, shades of magenta to blue	Smooth stems, many narrow leaves at base
E	Sanicle, Purple (<i>Sanicula bipinnatifida</i>)	Many tiny red-purple or yellow flowers in fuzzy ball, Carrot Family	Broad leaves with spiny margins, a.k.a. Pincushions
E	Shooting Star (<i>Dodecatheon hendersonii</i>)	5 deep lavender or white petals, yellow band	Nodding flowers bloom early in shady place
L	Thistle (Various <i>Cirsium</i> Sp.)	Various red/purple sp. at BP: Milk, Italian, Cobweb, Venus...	Young leaves and other plant parts edible
L	Tincture Plant / Sticky Chinese Houses (<i>Collinsia tinctoria</i>)	Tall plant, pale lavender to yellow flowers	Crushed leaves stain hands, Snapdragon Family
E	Vetch, Spring (<i>Vicia sativa</i>)	1-3 red-purple flowers cluster near base of leaf stalk	Vetches are invasive sprawling alien plants, cattle fodder,
M	Vetch, Winter (<i>Vicia villosa</i>)	9 or more violet-purple to lavender flowers in long cluster	cover crop; both in Pea Family which fixes nitrogen in soil
M	Wally Basket (<i>Triteleia laxa</i>)	Lt. Blue to blue-purple flowers clustered at top of tall stems	Bulbs food for Indians, a.k.a. Grass Nuts / Ithurriel's Spear
GREEN/BROWN			
E	Pipe Vine / Dutchman's Pipe (<i>Aristolochia californica</i>)	Green/brown 'U' shaped flowers, purple lines	Velvety heart-shaped leaves, Birthwort Family
M	Plantain, Dwarf (<i>Plantago erecta</i>)	Tiny plant (1-6") in dry areas, flowers' heads appear brown	4 dry translucent petal-like lobes, hairy thread-like leaves
L	Plantain, English (<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>)	Long, lance-like leaves, brown flowers spikes	Introduced weed, nutritious herb, medicinal uses

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Spring Flowering Plants of Bridgeport

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Partial List of Spring Flowering Plants Seen at Bridgeport

X	WHITE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS	X	SHRUBS / VINES / TREES
M	Bedstraw (<i>Galium aparine</i>)	4 tiny petals, 4-angled clingy stems, whorled leaves	a.k.a. Goose-grass, non-native, used for bedding, Madder fam.	M	Broom, Scotch (<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>)
M	Common Chickweed (<i>Stellaria media</i>)	Tiny white flowers, oval leaves, low growing	Stems have hairs down 1 side, Pink Family		Shrub, green angular branches, golden, yellow flowers, highly invasive, noxious weed
M	Cottonweed, Slender (<i>Micropus californicus</i>)	Low growing plant with grayish fuzzy flowers in heads	Flowers look like tips of cotton swabs		
M	Fairy Lantern (<i>Calochortus albus</i>)	3 petals, hanging lantern-like flowers with a pink blush	a.k.a. Globe Lily, bulbs edible, shady hillsides	L	Blackberry, Himalayan (<i>Rubus discolor</i>), Invasive, thorny stems in brambles, pinkish white flowers
E	Lace Pod (<i>Thysanocarpus curvipes</i>)	Very tiny cross-shaped 4-petaled flowers, delicate seedpods	One of several members of the Mustard Family at BP		
E	Miner's Lettuce (<i>Claytonia perfoliata</i>)	Small white or pink flowers, 5 petals, round umbrella-like leaves	Edible, cooked or raw, also many medicinal uses	L	Buckeye, California (<i>Aesculus californica</i>)
E	Morning Glory, Western (<i>Calystegia occidentalis</i>)	Trumpet shaped flowers, 5 petals, vine like stems	Similar to non-native Field Bindweed also at BP		Large shrubs to small trees, flowers white-pink in vertical brush-shaped clusters, chestnut-like seeds
E	Nemophila, Canyon (<i>Nemophila heterophylla</i>)	5 small petals united in a bowl shape, weak stems	Low plants often massed on grassy, shady slopes		
M	Phacelia, Caterpillar (<i>Phacelia cicutaria</i>)	5 dirty white petals, flowers in coiled clusters, hairy plant	Waterleaf Family, weak leaning stems, annual plant	E	Cucumber, Wild (<i>Marah fabaceus</i>)
L	Phacelia, Vari-leaf (<i>Phacelia heterophylla</i>)	5 greenish-white petals, many flowers in coil, tall	Stout stem, biennial plant		Vine, 5-petaled star-like white flowers, round spiny green fruit, plant useful to Indians
E	Popcorn Flower (<i>Plagiobothrys nothofulvus</i>)	5 white petals, yellow centers, resemble Forget-Me-Nots	Borage Family, may release a purple dye		
M	Rattlesnake Weed (<i>Daucus pusillus</i>)	Tiny white flowers on flattened/concave umbel	Erect stems, pinnate leaves, a.k.a. Wild Carrot, Carrot Family	L	Elderberry, Blue (<i>Sambucus mexicana</i>)
E	Saxifrage, California (<i>Saxifraga californica</i>)	5 small rounded petals, leaves clustered at base of stems	Often on top of rocks, name means "rock breaker"		aka Tree of Music, Shrub to small tree, white flowers in flat topped clusters, small edible blue berries
E	Shepherd's Purse (<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>)	Very tiny cross-shaped 4-petaled flowers	Heart-shaped seedpods resemble a shepherd's purse		
M	Silver Puffs (<i>Uropappus lindleyi</i>)	Small yellow flowers, white feathery seed balls	Sunflower Family, can resemble "Blow Wives," 4" to 2' tall	M	Lupine, Bush (<i>Lupinus albus</i>)
L	Soap Plant (<i>Chlorogalum pomeridianum</i>)	Long wavy leaves at base of tall, leafless stems, 6 petals, Lily fam.	Blooms at night, large fiber coated bulb used by Indians		Clustered flowers, blue to reddish-purple plant covered with silky hairs, Pea Family
M	Star, Woodland (<i>Lithophragma</i> sp)	5-petaled deeply notched flowers, leafless spike-like stems	Saxifrage Family, grows on open slopes		
M	Yarrow, Common (<i>Achillea millefolium</i>)	Flat topped clusters of flowers, soft fern-like leaves	Used for medicinal teas, tonics, poultices	E	Manzanita, Whiteleaf (<i>Arctostaphylos viscida</i>)
					Shrub, sticky plant parts, pink bell-shaped flowers, red bark, grey-green leaves, entire plant is useful
	YELLOW / ORANGE				
E	Buttercup, Western (<i>Ranunculus occidentalis</i>)	5 or 6 shiny small yellow petals, erect stems	Indians parched seeds for meal, flowers used for dye	L	Mock Orange, California (<i>Philadelphus lewisii</i>)
M	Clover, Little Hop (<i>Trifolium dubium</i>)	a.k.a. Shamrock, tiny yellow flowers, three leaflets	Low, many-branched trailing plant, Pea Family		Spectacular white flowers, shrub 3' to 10' tall, grows on rocky slopes, drought tolerant
M	Dandelion, False (<i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>)	a.k.a Smooth Cat's Ears, long, leafless stems, basal leaves	Sunflower Family, food for birds & mammals, medicinal uses		
M	Dudleya, Canyon (<i>Dudleya cymosa</i>)	Red-orange stems, tiny yellow flower clusters. A succulent	a.k.a Live-forever, sunny, rocky slopes, Stonecrop Family	M	Monkey Flower, Bush (<i>Mimulus aurantiacus</i>)
E	Fiddleneck (<i>Amsinckia menziesii</i>)	Yellow-orange flowers on a tall, curved, hairy stem	Food for Painted Lady butterfly, toxic to livestock		Showy small shrub on sunny cliffs, salmon yellow trumpet-shaped flowers, sticky leaves
E	Groundsel, Common (<i>Senecio vulgaris</i>)	Small pincushion flower heads in clusters, leafy stems	a.k.a. Common Butterweed, feathery bristles on top of seeds		
L	Gumplant (<i>Grindelia camporum</i>)	Tall plant, daisy-like gummy flower heads	Indians chewed resin for cough medicine	E	Oak, Poison (<i>Toxicodendron diversilobum</i>)
L	Hareleaf, Common (<i>Lagophylla ramosissima</i>)	5 pale petals with 3 scallops each, soft fuzzy leaves	Flowers open late afternoon, close next morning		Shrub/vine, yellow-green flowers, white fruit, 3-lobed-leaves red when young and in fall, very toxic
E	Lomatium, Foothill (<i>Lomatium utriculatum</i>)	Tiny yellow flowers in flat-topped clusters	Carrot Family, related to Queen Anne's Lace, Poison Hemlock		
M	Lotus, Hill (<i>Lotus humistratus</i>)	Small single yellow flowers above each leaf, Pea Family	Flowers redden with age, stems and leaves are hairy	E	Osage Orange (<i>Maclura pomifera</i>)
L	Lotus, Silverleaf (<i>Lotus argophyllus</i>)	Small flowers, in clusters, sprawling hairy branched stems	Important cattle forage, seeds for birds and animals		Native American tree, large green fruit-darken with age, termite-proof wood, fruit eaten by some animals
L	Monkey Flower, Seep-spring (<i>Mimulus guttatus</i>)	Yellow tubular flower, some have small red spots, wet areas	Indians used it for food and medicine, butterflies for food		
L	Mule Ears, Narrowleaf (<i>Wyethia augustifolia</i>)	Large daisy-like flowers, large tapering hairy leaves	Sunflower Family, prefers meadows and woods	L	Penstemon, Gaping (<i>Keckiella breviflora</i>)
M	Owl's Clover, Pallid (<i>Castilleja lineariloba</i>)	3 yellow tubular sacs with red-purple spots, white tips	Not a true clover, grows in masses, grassy areas		Creamy white to pink irregular flowers, purple lines, scraggy shrub on dry rocky slopes
M	Pea, Sulphur (<i>Lathyrus sulphureus</i>)	Yellow to tan irregular flowers, some with purple or orange tint	Climbing vine, food for blue butterflies		
M	Pineapple Weed (<i>Chamomilla suaveolens</i>)	Small yellow-green pineapple shaped flower heads	Sunflower Family, distinctive odor, low plant, Mayweed Tribe	E	Redbud, Western (<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>)
E	Poppy, Tufted (<i>Eschscholzia caespitosa</i>)	Orange to yellow, same genus but not California state flower	Birds eat seeds, leaves used for toothache		Lovely native shrub/small tree, pink to purple flowers, Pea family, used in basket weaving
M	Pretty Face (<i>Triteleia ixioides</i>)	6-petal showy flat flowers clustered on tall leafless stems	Lily Family, one of "Indian potatoes", edible bulbs		
M	Pseudobahia, Foothill (<i>Pseudobahia heermannii</i>)	Daisy-like petals, yellow to yellow-orange	Massed in grasslands, very similar to Goldfields	L	Spice Bush (<i>Calycanthus occidentalis</i>)
L	Scarlet Pimpernel (<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>)	Small red to orange flowers, 5 flat petals, sprawling leafy stems	Primrose Family, toxic to humans and animals		Large shrub, long purplish petals, large flowers, fragrant leaves, a.k.a. Sweet Shrub
M	Sunflower, Woolly (<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i>)	Large yellow flowers, gray hairy stems and leaves	Common plant with many variations		
M	Tauschia, Hartweg's (<i>Tauschia hartwegii</i>)	Balls of small flowers clustered on tall leafless stem	Huge divided leaves at base, Carrot Family	E	Toyon (<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>), aka California Holly or Christmas Berry; attractive native shrub on bushy canyon slopes, red berries gathered by Indians
L	Thistle, Star (<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>)	Yellow spiny flowers, highly invasive alien weed	Can kill animals, eradication difficult		
M	Wild Endive (<i>Hedypnois cretica</i>)	Small dandelion-like flowers, low-growing in masses	Sunflower Family, Chicory Tribe, used for food & medicine		

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