

Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Wildflower Sightings

Wildflower Watching Guidelines

Make it a safe environment for you!

- One may be preoccupied while looking for flowers; always be on the watch for harmful elements. Cactus segments, rattlesnakes and broken glass may be underfoot, while you are searching out a new flower to identify! Before getting close to a flower, look around for snakes and bees.
- Touching wildflowers often results in getting fine spines embedded in fingertips. Better to use a hand lens for up-close inspections.
- All cacti have spines. Watch your distance when viewing those colorful blossoms.
- Check the weather forecast, this will tell you in advance of what you need to take along on your wildflower excursion.



Encelia

Make it a safe environment for the native flora and fauna!

- Stay on trails or disturbed wash environments so as to not cave in rodent holes and damage newly emerging plants.
- Picking flowers prevents the seeds developing in to next season's wildflowers. Take a picture, not a flower.
- Leave no trace of your visit If you packed it in-pack it out.

Visitor Center at the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

51-500 Highway 74 in Palm Desert

This facility is open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. every day in March. Adjacent to the patio is the Ed Haste Loop Trail, which features drip-irrigated desert perennials. Free wildflower program offered every Saturday and Sunday in March at 2 pm. Come prepared with good walking shoes (no sandals) and sun protection. Binoculars, hand lens and camera recommended. Call 862-9984 for more information.

Cheesebush
Creosote
Desert Rock Pea
Bladderpod
Chuckwalla's Delight
Desert Dandelion
California Evening Primrose
Brown-Eyed Primrose
Desert Tobacco
Forget-Me-Not
Encelia
Apricot Mallow
Chuparosa
Ocotillo
Desert Lavender
Notch-leafed Phacelia
Spanish Needle
Desert Heron's Bill



Desert Trumpet

Oswit Canyon

Located on South Palm Canyon Dr. just south of Murray Canyon Dr., with ample parking on side of road. Stay along flood channel trail to gain easier access to higher areas, or explore along meandering paths. A combination of habitats allow for diversity of flowers here.

Forget-Me-Nots
Wishbone Bush
Rock Daisy
Checker Fiddleneck
Creosote
Desert Rock Pea
Little Gold Poppy
Whispering Bells
Encelia
Desert Mallow
Desert Lavender
Desert Hyacinth
Yerba Santa
Notch-Leafed Phacelia
Chuparosa
Desert Heron's Bill
Arizona Lupine
Wild Hyacinth
Canterbury Bells
Barrel Cactus



Notch-leafed Phacelia

Museum Trail

Ascends steep hillside west of north parking lot of the Palm Springs Desert Museum. 101 Museum Dr., in Palm Springs
Parking is available in downtown Palm Springs near Tahquitz Way and Palm Canyon Dr. Steep single-file trail rewards ambitious hikers.

Forget-Me-Not
Rock Daisy
Chicory
Brown-Eyed Primrose
California Evening Primrose
Creosote
Encelia
Wild Heliotrope

Tramway Road

Intersects with Highway 111 west of downtown Palm Springs
Take Tramway Road to the lower Tramway Station for a short nature trail.

Jimson Weed
Forget-Me-Not
Encelia
Creosote
Desert Lavender



Yellow Cups

Snow Creek Road

Intersects with Highway 111 just ½ mile south of 111 exit to Palm Springs from Interstate 10.

Do not enter residential “village”.

The two-mile stretch of Snow Creek Rd travels through a variety of environments; wash, sand dune, and creosote scrub habitats.

Park on the roadside then walk up washes and you’ll find scattered flowers.

Wild mustard strongly dominates the landscape. Also look for the following:

Brown-Eyed Primrose
Forget-Me-Nots
Fremont Pincushion
Bladderpod
California Evening Primrose
Creosote Bush
Checker Fiddleneck
Encelia
Desert Heron’s Bill



Desert Sand Verbena