

<u>X</u>	<u>RED / PINK FLOWERS</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
M	Baby Stars ( <i>Leptosiphon bicolor</i> )	Small red-pink trumpet-like flowers with a long tube, low growing	2 to 8" tall, thinly divided leaves whorl around stem. Phlox F.
M	Carnation, Wild ( <i>Petrorhagia dubia</i> ) NN	Tiny rose-pink flowers open singly, 5 petals, slender erect stem	Petals have "pinked edges," grassy open areas. Pink F.
L	Clarkia, Bilobed ( <i>Clarkia biloba</i> )	Nodding buds, erect flowers, 4 pink petals, each with 2 lobes	Showy flowers, open brushy slopes. Evening Primrose F.
L	Clarkia, Elegant ( <i>Clarkia unguiculata</i> )	4 pink petals with shovel-shaped tip, spidery appearance	Named for Clark of Lewis and Clark. Evening Primrose F.
M	Clarkia, Winecup ( <i>Clarkia purpurea</i> )	Small cup-like flowers, 4 pink/purple petals, darker spot on each	Linear leaves, grassy or shrubby places. Evening Primrose F.
M	Clover, Foothill/Tree ( <i>Trifolium ciliolatum</i> )	Pink to purple flower heads soon wither into a flat brown head	18" tall, grassland and chaparral, disturbed areas. Pea F.
M	Clover, Rosy ( <i>Trifolium hirtum</i> ) NN	Pinkish flower heads, hairy stems and 3-lobed leaves	4 to 16" tall, forms carpets in disturbed areas. Pea F.
L	Clover, Tom Cat ( <i>Trifolium willdenovii</i> )	White tipped, reddish-purple flower heads, 3 narrow leaflets	4 to 16" tall, clovers are a food source for butterflies. Pea F.
E	Filaree, Red-stem ( <i>Erodium cicutarium</i> ) NN	5 small rosy-purple petals, low plant, reddish stems, ferny leaves	Storksbill seedpod 1 to 2" long, good forage. Geranium F.
M	Geranium, Cutleaf ( <i>Geranium dissectum</i> ) NN	Tiny, pale rosy flowers, 5 notched petals, purple-tipped style	Leaves narrowly lobed and sharply pointed. Geranium F.
M	Geranium, Dove's Foot ( <i>Geranium molle</i> ) NN	Tiny pink flowers, 5 notched petals, rounded lobed leaves	Low growing plant, used for food and medicines. Geranium F.
M	Lily, Twining Snake ( <i>Dichelostemma volubile</i> )	Urn-shaped flowers clustered at ends of long pink twisted stems	Twining Brodiaea seeks support on other plants. Brodiaea F.
L	Lotus, Spanish ( <i>Acmispon americanus</i> )	Single tiny pale rosy pea flowers in leaf axils, 3 lancelike leaflets	Low growing in masses, moist or dry areas. Pea F.
M	Pink, Indian ( <i>Silene laciniata</i> ssp. <i>californica</i> )	5 petals with 4 forked lobes, sticky paired leaves, perennial	Only Sierra Silene with red flowers, likes open shade. Pink F.
E	Plectritus, Long-tubed or Spurred ( <i>Plectritus ciliosa</i> )	Terminal cluster, small 2-lipped pale pink flowers with spur	Slender erect plant, opposite leaves, easy to miss. Valerian F.
E	Red Maids ( <i>Calandrinia menziesii</i> )	5 round magenta petals, orange stamens, edible seeds & foliage	Low plant blooms only in bright sunlight. Miner's Lettuce F.
M	Sidalcea, Hartweg's Checkerbloom ( <i>Sidalcea hartwegii</i> )	5 rose-purple petals, slender grass-like stems, dry grassy slopes	Annual, looks like small Hollyhock and Hibiscus. Mallow F.
E	Storksbill, Long-beaked/Scissor Plant ( <i>Erodium botrys</i> ) NN	5 small pink-lavender petals, lobed leaves, up to 4" storksbill	Dry twisted seeds drill themselves into the soil. Geranium F.
L	Whisker Brush ( <i>Leptosiphon ciliatus</i> )	Small pink wheel-like tubular flowers, thin hairy whorled leaves	4 to 12" tall, similar to Baby Stars, but taller. Phlox F.

### VIOLET / PURPLE / BLUE FLOWERS

E	Blue Dicks ( <i>Dichelostemma capitatum</i> )	Urn-shaped flowers, tight clusters on tall stems, purple bracts	6 blue to purple petals, edible bulbs "Grass Nuts." Brodiaea F.
L	Brodiaea, Elegant/Harvest Brodiaea ( <i>Brodiaea elegans</i> )	Funnel-shaped flower, 6 long flared petals, open cluster, tall stem	Violet to blue-purple petals, elegant appearance. Brodiaea F.
M	Chinese Houses, Purple ( <i>Collinsia heterophylla</i> )	Numerous white and purple flowers in tiers, pagoda style	Irregular shaped flowers, prefer shady slopes. Plantain F.
L	Fleabane, Foothill /Narrow-leaved Daisy( <i>Erigeron foliosus</i> )	Daisy-like, many blue lavender to pink rays, yellow disks	Narrow leaves more or less on one side of stem. Sunflower F.
M	Gilia, Bird's Eye ( <i>Gilia tricolor</i> )	5 small blue-violet petals with white, yellow tube, dark center	Branched stems, blue pollen, sunny grassy areas. Phlox F.
M	Gilia, Globe ( <i>Gilia capitata</i> )	Round head, many tiny white/pale blue-violet flowers, tall stem	Stamens protrude, dry areas in sun or shade. Phlox F.
L	Hyacinth, Wild/Ookow ( <i>Dichelostemma multiflorum</i> )	Many rose-purple urn-shaped 6-petal flowers, tight clusters	Flower tubes narrow at the top, tall stems. Brodiaea F.
E	Iris, Bowl-tubed/Ground Iris ( <i>Iris macrosiphon</i> )	Pale yellow to lavender flowers with darker veins, under 10" tall	Iris:Greek goddess of rainbow, fibers in basketry, cords. Iris F.
L	Larkspur, Hansen's ( <i>Delphinium hansenii</i> )	Dark blue-violet spurred flowers, dense flower spikes 2-3' tall	Delphinium=dolphin-like, larkspur=bird's leg spur. Buttercup F.
E	Larkspur, ZigZag ( <i>Delphinium patens</i> )	Dark blue spurred flowers, wiry stems zigzag with slight bends	Larkspurs are very toxic, second to locoweed. Buttercup F.
M	Lupine, Douglas'/Sky ( <i>Lupinus nanus</i> )	Dark blue whorled pea flowers with white spot, annual, 8-24"	Linear to spoon-shaped hairy leaves, grassy places. Pea F.
M	Lupine, Miniature ( <i>Lupinus bicolor</i> )	Sparse dark blue whorled pea flowers, white spot, annual 4-16"	Confused with Douglas'. Magenta banner=pollinated. Pea F.
M	Lupine, Silver Bush ( <i>Lupinus albilfrons</i> )	Many spikes, blue/reddish-purple flowers, narrow silky leaflets	Perennial bush to 5' tall, grows in open, brushy places. Pea F.
M	Lupine, Spider/Narrow-leaved ( <i>Lupinus benthamii</i> )	Blue flowers, white spot, very narrow silvery leaflets, 8-28" tall	Annual, flowers whorled or not, elegant appearance. Pea F.
M	Milkweed, Purple/Heart-leaf ( <i>Asclepias cordifolia</i> )	Clustered red-purple flowers, 5 downward petals, pink hoods	Broad leaves, perennial, Monarch Butterfly host. Dogbane F.
L	Navarretia, Downy ( <i>Navarretia pubescens</i> )	Deep blue trumpet-like 1/2" flowers, finely-lobed leaf clusters	Low-growing plant, glandular-hairy, full sun. Phlox F.
M	Penstemon, Foothill ( <i>Penstemon heterophyllus</i> )	Large snapdragon-like flowers, shades of magenta to blue	Yellow buds, many narrow leaves at base. Plantain F.
E	Sanicle, Purple/Shoe Buttons ( <i>Sanicula bipinnatifida</i> )	Many tiny red-purple or yellow flowers in dense fuzzy balls	Broad leaves with winged leaf petioles, perennial. Carrot F.
E	Shooting Star/Mosquito Bills ( <i>Primula hendersonii</i> )	5 deep lavender or white reflexed petals, yellow band, dark tip	Nod before pollinated, point up after, moist shade. Primrose F.
L	Snapdragon, Brewer's ( <i>Antirrhinum vexilllocalcyculatum</i> )	Lavender flowers with basal pouch, erect upper lip, in leaf axils	Erect stems, may be clinging to other plants. Plantain F.
E	Vetch, Spring ( <i>Vicia sativa</i> ) NN	1 to 3 red-purple flowers in leaf axils, may be 2-toned, leaflets	Vetches sprawl or climb, grow in disturbed places. Pea F.
M	Vetch, Winter ( <i>Vicia villosa</i> ) NN	9 or more violet-purple flowers on one side of raised stem, leaflets	Vetches fix nitrogen, are used for cover crops, fodder. Pea F.
M	Wally Basket/Ithuriel's Spear ( <i>Triteleia laxa</i> )	Lt. blue to blue-purple flowers, open cluster, top of tall stems	One of the "Indian potatoes," eaten baked or raw. Brodiaea F.

### GREEN / BROWN

E	Ferns (Brake F.) (Ferns have sporangia, no flowers)	Goldback Fern ( <i>Pentagramma triangularis</i> ) Gold underside of leaf	Bird's-foot Fern ( <i>Pellaea mucronata</i> ) Narrow leaflets, full sun
L	Plantain, English/Buckhorn ( <i>Plantago lanceolata</i> ) NN	Long parallel-veined leaves, brown flower spikes, tall stems	Rings of small white flowers move up toward top. Plantain F.
E	Resurrection Plant ( <i>Selaginella hansenii</i> ) (no flowers)	Sprawling mats on rock outcrops, wiry small leaves, ancient plant	Usually brown, turns bright green after rain. Spike-Moss F.
M	Wood Rush, Pacific/Hairy Wood Rush ( <i>Luzula comosa</i> )	Small brown heads with leaf-like bract, cylindric stem, grass-like	Basal leaves, few on stem, hairy margins, perennial. Rush F.

## South Yuba River State Park



Fairy Lantern  
*Calochortus albus*

## Spring Flowering Plants of Bridgeport

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Visit each season to experience the wide floral diversity.  
Park docents lead walks on spring weekends. Rev.01/2016

## Partial List of Spring Flowering Plants Seen at Bridgeport

X	WHITE FLOWERS	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS	X	SHRUBS / VINES / TREES
M	Bedstraw/Goose-grass ( <i>Galium aparine</i> )	4 tiny petals, 4-angled stems, whorled leaves, rough hairs, annual	Perennial Narrowleaf Bedstraw ( <i>G. parrygens</i> ) also at BP. Madder F.	L	<b>Blackberry, Himalayan</b> ( <i>Rubus armeniacus</i> ) Rose F.
M	Chickweed, Common ( <i>Stellaria media</i> ) NN	Tiny flowers, 5 deeply-lobed petals look like 10, shiny oval leaves	Low growing, the stems have hairs down one side. Pink F.		Invasive brambles, thorny stems, pink-white flowers NN
M	Cottonweed, Slender/Q-Tips ( <i>Micropus californicus</i> )	Low growing plant with grayish fuzzy flowers in heads	Flowers look like tips of cotton swabs. Sunflower F.	M	<b>Broom, Scotch</b> ( <i>Cytisus scoparius</i> ) Pea F. NN
M	Fairy Lantern/White Globe Lily ( <i>Calochortus albus</i> )	Delicate flower hanging lantern-like, 3 petals, pink blush	Shady hillsides, long leaf appears first, edible bulbs. Lily F.		Shrub, yellow-gold flowers, 2" seedpods, invasive weed
E	Lacepod/Fringepod ( <i>Thysanocarpus curvipes</i> )	Tiny 4-petaled flowers on top a slender stem, wheel-like seedpods	The lacy seedpod is more notable than the flowers. Mustard F.	L	<b>Buckeye, California</b> ( <i>Aesculus californica</i> ) Soapberry
E	Miner's Lettuce ( <i>Claytonia perfoliata</i> )	Small white or pink flowers, 5 petals, round umbrella-like leaves	Edible, cooked or raw, many medicinal uses, Miner's Lettuce F.		Large shrub to small tree, palmate 5 to 7 leaflets , erect clusters of white-pink flowers, chestnut-like seeds
E	Morning Glory, Western ( <i>Calystegia occidentalis</i> )	Trumpet-shaped flowers, 5 petals, vine-like stems	Similar to non-native Bindweed also at BP. Morning Glory F.		
E	Nemophila, Canyon ( <i>Nemophila heterophylla</i> )	5 small petals united in a bowl shape, weak stems, lobed leaves	Low plant masses in shady woodlands, base of bushes. Borage F.	E	<b>Cucumber, Wild</b> ( <i>Marah fabacea</i> ) Gourd F.
E	Peppergrass, Shining ( <i>Lepidium nitidum</i> )	Tiny white flowers, oval red seedpods with a narrow notch at the tip	Seedpods are noticed more than the flowers, are edible. Mustard F.		Vine, star-like white to cream flowers, 5 petals, round lobed leaves, round spiny green fruit, used by Natives
M	Phacelia, Caterpillar ( <i>Phacelia cicutaria</i> )	5 "dirty" white petals, flowers in coiled cymes, hairy plant	Lobed leaves, annual plant, coils unwind as flowers open. Borage F.		
L	Phacelia, Vari-leaf ( <i>Phacelia heterophylla</i> )	5 greenish-white to lavender petals, coiled cymes, tall hairy plant	Stout stem, two kinds of leaves, biennial to perennial plant. Borage F.	L	<b>Elderberry, Blue</b> ( <i>Sambucus nigra</i> ) Muskroot F.
E	Popcorn Flower ( <i>Plagiobothrys nothofulvus</i> )	5 white petals, often with yellow centers, masses in grassy areas	Common annual, reddish juice used by some Indians. Borage F.		Shrub to small tree, flat white flower clusters, dark blue berries (cook to eat), pithy wood "Tree of Music" flutes
M	Rattlesnake Weed/Wild Carrot ( <i>Daucus pusillus</i> )	Tiny white flowers, flattened concave umbel, bristly pinnate leaves	Erect stems, similar but shorter than Queen Anne's Lace. Carrot F.		
E	Saxifrage, California ( <i>Micranthes californica</i> )	5 small rounded petals, basal leaves, red stems, fade with heat	Rocky moist areas, name means "rock breaker." Saxifrage F.	E	<b>Manzanita, Whiteleaf</b> ( <i>Arctostaphylos viscida</i> ) Heath
L	Milkwort, Sierra ( <i>Polygala cornuta</i> )	1/2" winged flowers, cream, greenish to pink, cluster at end of stem	Perennial, moist to dry areas, similar to pea flower. Milkwort F.		Evergreen shrub, sticky plant parts, pink or white urn flowers, red bark, grey-green leaves, Natives used plant
M	Silver Puffs ( <i>Uropappus lindleyi</i> )	Small yellow dandelion-like flowers, white silvery puffed seedhead	Puff is the most notable, resembles "Blow Wives." Sunflower F.		
L	Soap Plant ( <i>Chlorogalum pomeridianum</i> )	Long wavy basal leaves, white flowers, tall stems often not present	Blooms at night, large fiber-coated bulb used by Natives. Lily F.	L	<b>Mock Orange, Wild</b> ( <i>Philadelphus lewisii</i> ) Hydrangea
M	Star, Woodland ( <i>Lithophragma bolanderi</i> )	5 notched or smooth white petals, leafless stems, lobed basal leaves	Star-shaped flowers, open slopes and riparian areas. Saxifrage F.		Deciduous shrub 3' to 10' tall, showy white flowers with many stamens, fragrant, rocky slopes, drought tolerant
L	Tincture Plant/Sticky Chinese Houses ( <i>Collinsia tinctoria</i> )	Pale lavender-white to yellow whorled flowers, leaves clasp stem	Up to 24" tall, crushed leaves stain hands reddish. Plantain F.		
M	Yarrow, Common ( <i>Achillea millefolium</i> )	Flat topped clusters of flowers, soft fern-like leaves	Used medicinally, sometimes as a lawn substitute. Sunflower F.	M	<b>Monkeyflower, Bush</b> ( <i>Mimulus aurantiacus</i> ) Lopseed
					Small shrub, salmon flowers like small azaleas, petals deeply notched, paired sticky leaves, sunny slopes
E	<b>Buttercup, Western</b> ( <i>Ranunculus occidentalis</i> )	5 or 6 shiny small yellow petals, erect stems, lobed leaves	Indians parched seeds for meal, flowers used for dye. Buttercup F.	E	<b>Oak, Poison</b> ( <i>Toxicodendron diversilobum</i> ) Sumac F.
M	Clover, Little Hop/Shamrock Clover ( <i>Trifolium dubium</i> ) NN	Tiny yellow flowers in heads, three leaflets, low trailing plant	Grassy places, may be confused with Bur Clover. Pea F.		Deciduous shrub or vine, toxic, 3-lobed leaves red early spring and fall, small yellow-green flowers, white berries
M	Dudleya, Canyon/Live Forever ( <i>Dudleya cymosa</i> )	Red-orange stems, small red-yellow flowers, basal succulent leaves	Sunny, rocky outcrops, slopes, attracts hummingbirds. Stonecrop F.		
E	Fiddleneck ( <i>Amsinckia menziesii</i> )	Small yellow-orange trumpet-shaped flowers in coiled cyme, hairy	Food for Painted Lady butterfly, toxic to livestock. Borage F.	E	<b>Osage Orange</b> ( <i>Maclura pomifera</i> ) Mulberry F. NN
L	Gumplant, Foothill ( <i>Grindelia camporum</i> )	Tall plant, daisy-like yellow flowers, gummy buds, red stems	Indians chewed resin for cough medicine. Sunflower F.		Native tree from central U.S., large green warty fruit darkens with age, termite-proof wood, few animals eat
L	Hareleaf, Common ( <i>Lagophylla ramosissima</i> )	5 pale yellow ray flowers with 3 scallops each, soft fuzzy leaves	Flowers open late afternoon, close next morning. Sunflower F.		
L	Honeysuckle, Chaparral ( <i>Lonicera interrupta</i> )	Paired leaves, 2-lipped yellow flowers, exerted stamens	Small red berries, sprawling perennial shrub/vine. Honeysuckle F.	L	<b>Penstemon, Gaping</b> ( <i>Keckiella breviflora</i> ) Plantain F.
E	Lomatium, Foothill/Common ( <i>Lomatium utriculatum</i> )	Tiny yellow flowers in flat-topped clusters, dissected leaves	Perennial, open grassy slopes, used for food, medicine. Carrot F.		Drought-deciduous shrub, wand-like branches, white to pink irregular flowers with purple lines, dry rocky slopes
M	Lotus, Hill ( <i>Acmispon brachycarpus</i> )	Small single yellow flowers above each leaf, usually 4 leaflets	Flowers redden with age, stems and leaves are hairy. Pea F.		
L	Lotus, Silverleaf ( <i>Acmispon argophyllus</i> )	Small flowers in clusters, sprawling silky hairy branched stems	Important cattle forage, seeds for birds and animals. Pea F.	E	<b>Pipevine/Dutchman's Pipe</b> ( <i>Aristolochia californica</i> )
L	Madia, Common ( <i>Madia elegans</i> )	Deeply lobed showy yellow ray flowers, often maroon at the base	Center disk anthers yellow or black, pungent leaves. Sunflower F.		Vine, U-shape pale flowers, purple veins, heart-shaped leaves, pipevine swallowtail host plant. Birthwort F.
L	Monkeyflower, Seep-spring ( <i>Mimulus guttatus</i> )	Yellow tubular flowers, some have small red spots, wet areas	Food and medicine for Indians, attracts butterflies. Lopseed F.		
L	Mule Ears, Narrowleaf ( <i>Wyethia augustifolia</i> )	Large yellow daisy-like flowers, long tapering leaves, hairy	6 to 24" tall, meadows and woods, grazed by livestock. Sunflower F.	E	<b>Redberry, Hollyleaf</b> ( <i>Rhamnus ilicifolia</i> ) Buckthorn F.
M	Owl's Clover, Pallid ( <i>Castilleja lineariloba</i> )	Creamy bracts enclose yellow tubular sacs with red-purple spots	Not a true clover, grows in masses in grassy areas. Broomrape F.		Evergreen shrub to 12' tall, 1/2 to 1" holly-like leaves, tiny flowers, no petals, small red berries, animals eat
M	Pea, Sulphur ( <i>Lathyrus sulphureus</i> )	Irregular flowers yellow to tan, purplish lines, one-sided clusters	Climbing vine in open shade, food for blue butterflies. Pea F.		
M	Pineapple Weed ( <i>Matricaria discoidea</i> ) NN	Small yellow-green cone or pineapple-shaped flower heads	All disk flowers, very low-growing, distinctive odor. Sunflower F.	E	<b>Redbud, Western</b> ( <i>Cercis occidentalis</i> ) Pea F.
E	Poppy, Tufted ( <i>Eschscholzia caespitosa</i> )	4 orange to yellow petals, no cup under flower, not California poppy	Birds eat seeds, leaves used for toothache. Poppy F.		Shrub/small tree, pink-purple flowers appear first, then heart-shaped leaves, 3" seedpods, used in basketry
M	Pretty face ( <i>Triteleia ixioides</i> )	Clustered yellow flat flowers, 6 petals, dark veins, tall leafless stems	One of "Indian potatoes" edible bulbs. Brodiaea F.		
M	Pseudobahia, Foothill Sunburst ( <i>Pseudobahia heermannii</i> )	Small single yellow/yellow-orange flower head, daisy-like petals	Massed in grasslands, looks similar to Goldfields. Sunflower F.	E	<b>Skunk Bush</b> ( <i>Rhus aromatica</i> ) Sumac F.
M	Sanicle, Pacific/Gamble Weed ( <i>Sanicula crassicaulis</i> )	Tiny yellow flowers clustered in umbels at top of branching stems	Palately lobed leaves, perennial, poultice to treat snakebite. Pea F.		Deciduous shrub, yellow flowers first, then leaves with 3 leaflets, red-orange fruit, often mistaken for poison-oak
M	Smooth Cat's Ear/False Dandelion ( <i>Hypochaeris glabra</i> ) NN	Long, leafless stems with yellow dandelion-like flowers, basal leaves	Food for birds & mammals, medicinal uses. Sunflower F.		
M	Sunflower, Woolly ( <i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i> )	Silvery buds, large yellow flowers, gray hairy stems and leaves	Dry open places, common plant with many variations. Sunflower F.	L	<b>Spicebush</b> ( <i>Calycanthus occidentalis</i> ) Sweetshrub F.
M	Tauschia, Hartweg's ( <i>Tauschia hartwegii</i> )	Balls of small flowers clustered like satellites in umbel on tall stem	Huge divided leaves at base, has a succulent look. Carrot F.		Large deciduous shrub, 2-6" fragrant leaves, upright flowers, deep red strappy petals, urn-shaped seedpod
L	Thistle, Star ( <i>Centaurea solstitialis</i> ) NN	Yellow spiny flowers, branched stems, highly invasive alien weed	Can kill animals that eat it, eradication difficult. Sunflower F.		
M	Wild Endive/Crete Weed ( <i>Hedypnois cretica</i> ) NN	Small dandelion-like flowers, often with a dark spot in the center	Low-growing in masses, used for food and medicine. Sunflower F.	L	<b>Toyon/California Holly</b> ( <i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i> ) Rose
					Evergreen shrub/small tree, elliptical leaves, clusters of small white flowers, red Christmas berries, birds eat

Appearance of first blooms: **E=early season (Feb to mid-March)** **M=mid season (mid-March to mid-April)** **L=late (mid-April or later)** BP=Bridgeport F.=Family NN=Non-native species Sp.=Species