Informal list of over 20 varieties of wildflowers blooming at Saddleback Butte State Park and the eastern Antelope Valley in March of 2014. Thank you to Milt Stark, Mary Wilson and Mark Faull. Photos by John Martin and Margaret Rhyne.



1. Gilia and 2. Goldfields



3. California Coreopsis and Gilia. For more about Coreopsis, see page 4. The Gilia in this photo is very white - quite unusual! Gilias are hard to identify (these are not Davy or Birdseye Gilia as is often thought). See page 5 for close-ups



4. Wallace Eriophyllum



5. Sand Verbena



6. Desert Suncup



7. Dune or Birdcage Primrose



8. Mojave Suncup



9. Royal Desert Lupine



10. Comet blazing star





11. Trailing mallow - flowers which are very small can be pink or white





12. Mystery! None of us can figure this one out.

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13. One of the many kinds of Forget-Me-Nots.

Could be Western Forget-me-not.

Close-up in upper right hand corner.





14. Another Forget-Me-Not!





15. Fremont Pincushion. East side of park has large displays of a different pincushion that is shorter and grows more closely together.



16. Wild Rhubarb



17. Purple Mat and California Coreopsis

The very fragrant coreopsis grows in large fields throughout the eastern Antelope Valley. Another variety of coreopsis growing east of the Indian Museum is Leafy Stem Coreopsis.





18. Desert Tidy Tip



19. Desert Dandelion. Although missing in these flowers, many have a maroon center. These can cover large areas on the central and eastern Antelope Valley. Smaller flowers are goldfields



20. Winter Fat (shrub)



21. Mojave Aster. Not a great photo of this beautiful and showy flower that is lavender with yellow to orange centers. It is a perennial that grows on the rocky buttes at Saddleback.





Gilia growing at Saddleback in March and April of 2014 has yellow dots in throat - really quite beautiful!



22. Little Gold Poppy, found in picnic area



23. Tiny Gilia - single flower on single stem, picnic area



24. The inevitable Fiddleneck. Not a favorite with many flower watchers but much loved by Painted Lady butterflies!

More East Antelope Valley Wildflowers





Desert Candles

Often found in the Hi Vista Area.

These were found along 200th Street East north of Avenue G. Also growing in same area among creosote bushes:





Thistle Sage

South side of Avenue K east of 20th Street East