

BLUE/PURPLE FLOWERS

ONION FAMILY - Alliaceae

Wild onion *Allium acuminatum* M

BORAGE FAMILY - Boraginaceae

Bluebell *Mertensia spp.* E
Showy stickseed *Hackelia floribunda* M

BUTTERCUP FAMILY - Ranunculaceae

Colorado columbine *Aquilegia coerulea* M
Nuttall's larkspur *Delphinium nuttallianum* E
Pasqueflower *Anemone patens* M
Sugar bowl *Clematis hirsutissima* E

FIGWORT FAMILY - Scrophulariaceae

Blue-eyed Mary *Collinsia parviflora* E
Mat penstemon *Penstemon caespitosus* M
Rocky Mtn. penstemon *Penstemon strictus* M
Speedwell *Veronica americana* M

FLAX FAMILY - Linaceae

Blue flax *Linum lewisii* L

BELLFLOWER FAMILY - Campanulaceae

Harebell *Campanula rotundifolia* M

WATERLEAF FAMILY - Hydrophyllaceae

Dwarf waterleaf *Hydrophyllum capitatum* E

PEA FAMILY – Fabaceae(Leguminosae)

Egg milkvetch *Astragalus oophorus* E
Big-leaved lupine *Lupinus prunophilus* M
Silvery lupine *Lupinus argenteus* M
Spurred lupine *Lupinus caudatus* M

SUNFLOWER FAMILY – Asteraceae(Compositae)

Hoary tansyaster *Dieteria canescens* M
Showy daisy *Erigeron speciosus* L

VIOLET FAMILY - Violaceae

Early blue violet *Viola adunca* E

FLOWERING SHRUBS (white unless noted)

Black chokecherry *Prunus virginiana* M
Elderberry *Sambucus racemosa* M
Fendlerbush *Fendlera utahensis* M
Gooseberry *Ribes spp.* E
Harriman's yucca *Yucca harrimaniae* M
Mock orange *Philadelphus microphyllus* M
Mountain mahogany *Cercocarpus montanus* E
Ocean spray *Holodiscus discolor* M
Oregon-grape *Berberis repens (yellow)* E
Rabbitbrush *Chrysothamnus spp. (yellow)* L
Raspberry *Rubus sachalinensis* E
Serviceberry *Amelanchier alnifolia* E
Snowberry *Symphoricarpos rotundifolius (pink)* M
Wood's rose *Rosa woodsii (pink)* M

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Annotated Checklist of Vascular Flora – Black Canyon National Park (available online)

Colorado Flora – Western Slope by William A. Weber and Ronald C. Wittmann

Wild Flowers of the United States by Harold W. Rickett

Flora of Colorado, 2nd Edition by Jennifer Ackerfield

In order to keep our records up to date, we would be happy to accept a copy of your sightings.
Happy viewing!



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Wildflower Checklist



Mariposa Lily (*Calochortus gunnisonii*)

Kyrie Thompson photo

WHEN THEY BLOOM:

E — Early Season (April–June)
M — Mid-Season (June–July)
L — Late Season (July–September)

PINK FLOWERS

CACTUS FAMILY – Cactaceae

Ball cactus *Pediocactus simpsonii* E
Plains prickly-pear cactus *Opuntia polyacantha* E

PHLOX FAMILY – Polemoniaceae

Long-leaf phlox *Phlox longifolia* M
Tiny trumpet *Collomia linearis* M

ROSACEAE – Rose Family

Prairie-smoke *Geum triflorum* M

PURSLANE FAMILY - Portulacaceae

Spring beauty *Claytonia rosea* E

SUNFLOWER FAMILY – Asteraceae (Compositae)

Rosy pussytoes *Antennaria rosea* E

WHITE FLOWERS

BORAGE FAMILY – Boraginaceae

Cryptanth	<i>Cryptantha spp.</i>	E
Western stickseed	<i>Lappula occidentalis</i>	M

BUCKWHEAT FAMILY – Polygonaceae

Longleaf wild buckwheat	<i>Erigonum lonchophyllum</i>	M
Redroot wild buckwheat	<i>Erigonum racemosum</i>	L

BUTTERCUP FAMILY – Ranunculaceae

White clematis	<i>Clematis ligusticifolia</i>	M
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EVENING-PRIMROSE FAMILY - Onagraceae

Evening-primrose	<i>Oenothera caespitosa</i>	M
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FALSE-HELLEBORE FAMILY - Melanthiaceae

Death camas	<i>Toxicoscordion venenosum</i>	E
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FIGWORT FAMILY- Scrophulariaceae

Speedwell	<i>Veronica spp.</i>	M
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GERANIUM FAMILY – Geraniaceae

Richardson's geranium	<i>Geranium richardsonii</i>	M
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MADDER FAMILY - Rubiaceae

Northern bedstraw	<i>Galium boreale</i>	M
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MARIPOSA FAMILY - Calochortaceae

Mariposa lily	<i>Calochortus gunnisonii</i>	M
Sego-lily	<i>Calochortus nuttallii</i>	M

MAYFLOWER FAMILY - Convallariaceae

False Solomon's seal	<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i>	E
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MILKWEED FAMILY - Apocynaceae

Spreading dogbane	<i>Apocynum androsaemifolium</i>	M
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MUSTARD FAMILY- Brassicaceae

Rockcress	<i>Boechera spp.</i>	E
Wild candytuft	<i>Noccaea fendleri</i>	M

PARSLEY FAMILY – Apiaceae (Umbelliferae)

Osha/Lovage	<i>Ligusticum porteri</i>	M
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PEA FAMILY – Fabaceae (Leguminosae)

Hollyleaf clover	<i>Trifolium gymnocarpon</i>	E
Rocky Mtn. milkvetch	<i>Astragalus scopulorum</i>	M
Whiteflower sweetpea	<i>Lathyrus lanszwertii</i>	E

PHLOX FAMILY – Polemoniaceae

Black Canyon gilia	<i>Aliciella penstemenoides</i>	M
White gilia	<i>Ipomopsis aggregata</i>	L

PINK FAMILY – Caryophyllaceae

Ballhead sandwort	<i>Eremogone congesta</i>	M
James' chickweed	<i>Pseudostellaria jamesiana</i>	E
Mouse-ear chickweed	<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	M

PURSLANE FAMILY - Portulacaceae

Lanceleaf spring beauty	<i>Claytonia lanceolata</i>	E
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ROSE FAMILY - Rosaceae

Wild strawberry	<i>Fragaria spp.</i>	E
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SANDALWOOD FAMILY - Santalaceae

Bastard toadflax	<i>Comandra umbellata</i>	E
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SAXIFRAGE FAMILY - Saxifragaceae

Spotted saxifrage	<i>Saxifraga bronchialis</i>	M
Woodland star	<i>Lithophragma tenellum</i>	M

SUNFLOWER FAMILY – Asteraceae (Compositae)

Dusty maiden	<i>Chaenactis douglasii</i>	M
Easter daisy	<i>Townsendia incana</i>	E
Fleabane	<i>Erigeron spp.</i>	M
Pussytoes	<i>Antennaria spp.</i>	M
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	M

VIOLET FAMILY - Violaceae

Canada violet	<i>Viola canadensis</i>	M
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RED/ORANGE FLOWERS

CACTUS FAMILY - Cactaceae

Claretcup cactus	<i>Echinocereus triglochidiatus</i>	M
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FIGWORT FAMILY - Scrophulariaceae

Firecracker penstemon	<i>Penstemon eatonii</i>	E
Desert paintbrush	<i>Castilleja angustifolia</i>	E

MALLOW FAMILY - Malvaceae

Scarlet globemallow	<i>Sphaeralcea coccinea</i>	E
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PHLOX FAMILY - Polemoniaceae

Scarlet gilia	<i>Ipomopsis aggregata</i>	L
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BORAGE FAMILY - Boraginaceae

Yellow-eye cryptanth	<i>Cryptantha flavoculata</i>	L
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YELLOW FLOWERS

BUCKWHEAT FAMILY - Polygonaceae

Sulphur flower	<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>	M
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BUTTERCUP FAMILY - Ranunculaceae

Sagebrush buttercup	<i>Ranunculus glaberrimus</i>	E
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CACTUS FAMILY - Cactaceae

Brittle prickly-pear cactus	<i>Opuntia fragilis</i>	M
Plains prickly-pear cactus	<i>Opuntia polyacantha</i>	E

PAINTBRUSH FAMILY - Orobanchaceae

Yellow owl-clover	<i>Orthocarpus luteus</i>	L
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MUSTARD FAMILY - Brassicaceae

Flax-leaved plainsmustard	<i>Sisymbrium linifolium</i>	E
Western wallflower	<i>Erysimum capitatum</i>	E

PARSLEY FAMILY – Apiaceae (Umbelliferae)

Desert-parsley	<i>Lomatium simplex</i>	E
Gray's biscuitroot	<i>Lomatium grayi</i>	E

STONECROP FAMILY – Crassulaceae

Lance-leaved stonecrop	<i>Sedum lanceolatum</i>	M
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SUNFLOWER FAMILY – Asteraceae(Compositae)

Arrowleaf balsamroot	<i>Balsamorhiza sagittata</i>	E
Beggar's tick	<i>Bidens cernua</i>	L
Broom snakeweed	<i>Gutierrezia sarothrae</i>	L
Common sunflower	<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	L
False dandelion	<i>Agoseris glauca</i>	M
Goldeneye	<i>Heliomeris multiflora</i>	L
Groundsel	<i>Senecio spp./Packera spp.</i>	M
Hairy golden-aster	<i>Heterotheca villosa</i>	L
Heart-leaved arnica	<i>Arnica cordifolia</i>	M
Mule's ears	<i>Wyethia x magna</i>	M
Perky sue	<i>Tetranneuris ivesiana</i>	M
Three-nerve goldenrod	<i>Solidago velutina</i>	L
Western coneflower	<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	L

VIOLET FAMILY - Violaceae

Valley violet	<i>Viola vallicola</i>	E
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