



# Celebrating Wildflowers

Wildflowers on the  
Sawtooth National Forest

# Shooting Star



One of our most unusual wildflowers!

Petals are bright rose-purple  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 in. long and flare backward over ovary.

The fused stamen form a beak pointing downward.

Elk and deer eat this plant in early spring when green forage is scarce.

Flowering season: Later part of April through July.

# Armed Prickly-poppy

## Proposed Sensitive Species



# Harebell



Flowers are violet-blue, bell-shaped, hang downward from slender stems and usually cluster together.

This flower can be confused with Blueflax. The difference is found in the petals. Harebell petals are fused together.

Flowering season: Latter part of June, July and August.

This same plant is found in Scotland.

# Malheur cryptantha

Proposed Sensitive Species



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# Balsamroot



Balsamroot is blooming now on the Sawtooth!

These early bloomers color all the hills bright yellow and gold.

This flower can be confused with true sunflowers however, Balsamroot has a naked stem and large arrow-shaped leaves.

Flowering season: Latter part of April to first part of July.

Native Americans ate the young tender sprouts, large roots and the seeds - either raw or cooked

# Davis' Wavewing

## Sensitive Species



# Columbine



Columbine have showy flowers that vary in colors.

Flowering season: From mid-June to mid-August

# Goose Creek Milkvetch

## Sensitive Species



# Cattail



Cattails have long cylinder brown fuzzy flowers and grow in wet places in mud and water.

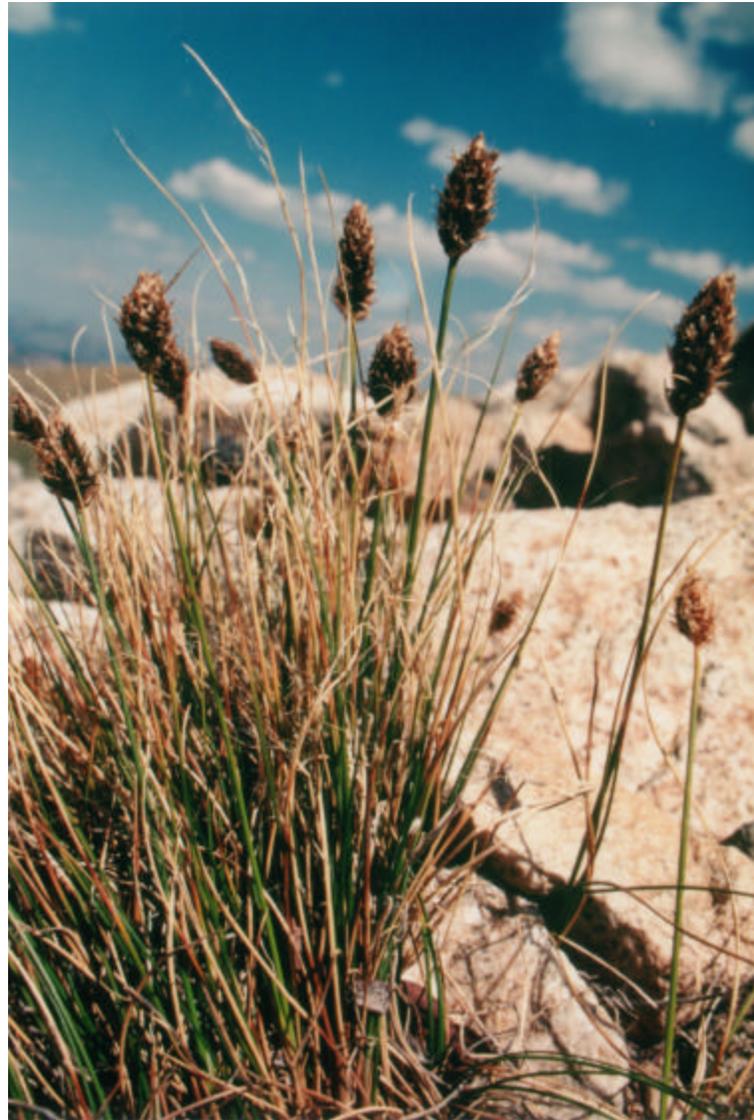
The "fuzz" will explode into flame with a spark from flint. Early settlers used the down for bedding.

Cattails rootstock is easily pulled up and can be eaten raw, or roasted in hot coals. In some areas the leaves are used for weaving mats.

Cattails serve as nesting cover for many types of birds. Muskrats and geese feed on rootstocks, new shoots and stem base!

# Brewer's Sedge

## Proposed Sensitive Species



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# Phlox



Phlox is blooming now on the Sawtooth!

Phlox is upright with 5 large spreading pinkish petals. The main branch of the stem is woody and can be up to 12 inches tall.

Flowering season: Latter part of May through July.

# Stanley's Whitlow-grass

## Sensitive Species



# Silvery/Jone's Primrose

## Current Watch List



# Golden Currant



Golden Currant is blooming now on the Sawtooth!

This shrub has tubular golden-yellow flowers. Sometimes called Clove Bush due to a pleasant spicy odor.

Yellow, red or black fruit grow and are ripe by Aug and Sept. Birds, black bears and rodents eat the fruit.

Flowering season: Latter part of April to first part of June.

# Desert Buckwheat

Sensitive Species



# Pearly Everlasting



This plant has dense clustered flower heads. Each head is surrounded by many pearly white bracts with small pale yellow flowers in the center.

Bracts are a reduced or modified leaf that surrounds a flower.

Flowering season: Latter part of June and July.

Pearly Everlasting dries out like strawflowers and makes wonderful long lasting bouquets and decorations.

# Giant Hellaborine

## Current Watch List



# Monkshood



This unusual plant has petals that develop into a hoodlike cap or helmet. Supposedly similar to those worn by medieval monks.

These flowers like to grow in wet meadows, near springs and along streams.

**Be careful!! All parts of this plant are poisonous especially the leaves.**

Flowering season: Latter part of June to first part of Aug.

# Kellogg's Bitterroot

Proposed Sensitive Species



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# Nodding saxifrage

Proposed Sensitive Species



# Christ's Indian Paintbrush



## Listed Species - Candidate

Christ's Indian Paintbrush is a showy, yellow flowered perennial that grows 6-15 in. tall.

It is the only yellow to yellow-orange flowered paintbrush found on the summit of Mt Harrison.

It is currently one of Idaho's rarest flower!

# Sword Fern

Proposed Sensitive Species



# Monkey Flower



A large snapdragon-like plant with numerous red flowers.

Each flower has 2 distinctive bright yellow patches in the funnel form throat.

The name Monkey Flower refers to the "grinning face" of the variously colored flowers and their resemblance to the masks worn by comic actor of the early stage.

Flowering season: Later part of June through August.

# Simpson's Hedgehog Cactus

## Current Watch List



# Heartleaf Arnica



A single-stem plant with a head of yellow flowers. Leaves and stems are sometimes hairy.

Confused with sunflowers and balsamroots however, Heartleaf is 2 times smaller than either of these.

Flowering season: Later part of May through July.

# Sunflower



Sunflowers have large yellow flower heads that measure 6 inches across and has a purplish brown center surrounded by bright yellow ray florets.

Sunflowers grow on tall branching leafy stems. Leaves are oval or triangle and toothed.

The leaves alone can grow up to 1 foot long!

Seeds can be eaten.

Flowering season: July, Aug., Sept.

# Tall Swamp Onion

## Proposed Watch List



# Yarrow



Yarrow is considered a herb and has a strong odor.

This flat-topped plant has numerous small white flowers in small heads.

The flowers are generally white but occasionally can be pink or yellowish.

Flowering season: May to Sept

Native Americans used Yarrow for medical treatments.

# Woodland Star



Woodland Star is blooming now on the Sawtooth!

Woodland Star has a slender unbranched stem about 10 in. tall.

The 3-6 flowers have white or pinkish petals that are deeply cleft into 3-5 divisions.

Flowering season: April through June

# Spoon-leaved Sundew

## Proposed Sensitive Species



# Wild Rose



Wild rose is actually a shrub that grows 3-10 feet tall.

Pink flowers with 5 petals and 5 sepals.

Flowering season: May-July

# Wedge-leaf saxifraga

Proposed Sensitive Species



# Wild Onion



# Bugleg Haplopappus

Current Sensitive Species



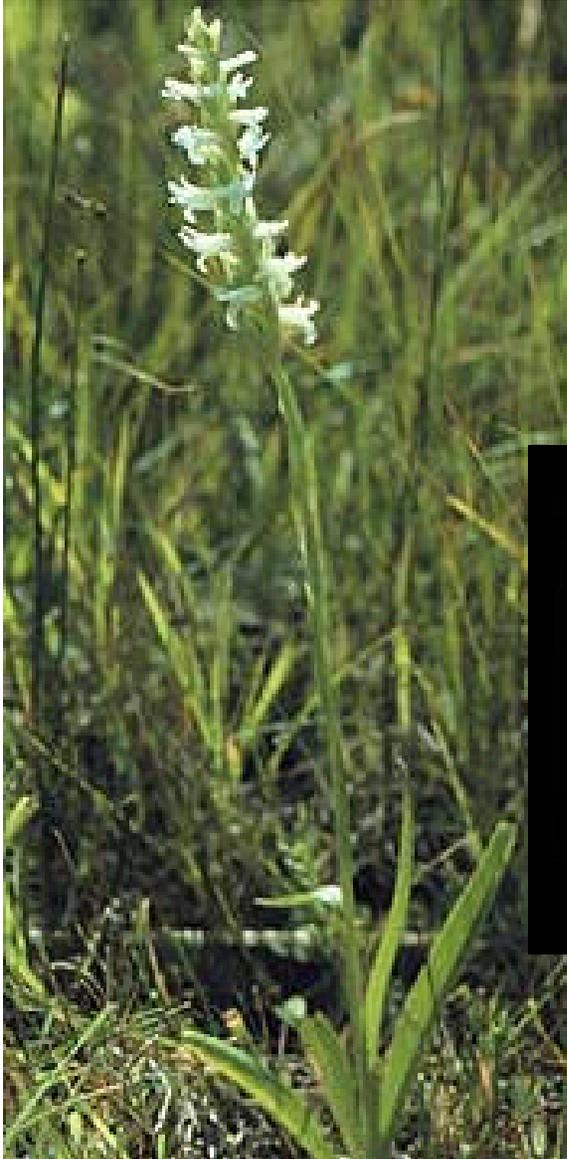
# Slender moonwort

Listed Species  
Candidate



# Ute's ladies-tresses

Listed Species  
Threatened



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# Challis Milkvetch

Proposed Sensitive Species



# Stanley thalspi

Sensitive Species



# Wild Mint



This is actually called Giant-Hyssop however it is part of the mint family hence the name Wild Mint.

Tall stems clustered on a branching rootstock. Rootstock bears dense, thick, terminal spikes of purplish to whitish flowers.

Leaves are triangular, toothed and about 2 in. long.

Seeds from this plant are eaten by smaller birds and were also eaten by Native Americans.

Flowering season: Middle of June to first part of Aug.

# Northern Sagewort

## Proposed Sensitive Species



# Pale Sedge

Proposed Sensitive Species





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