

A Few Native Wildflowers & Shrubs on our Walk Green Mountain, April 19, 2008

Shrubs & Trees:	Mountain Mahogany (<i>Cercocarpus montanus</i>)	deer favorite
	Chokecherry (<i>Prunus melanocarpus</i>)	what's eating them?
	Plains Cottonwood (<i>Populus sargentii</i>)	male and female
	Rubber Rabbitbrush (<i>Chrysothamnus nauseosus</i>)	lots of gall
	Wild Plum (<i>Prunus americana</i>)	white in bloom
	Threeleaf Sumac (<i>Rhus trilobata</i>)	last to leaf
	Wax Currant (<i>Ribes cereum</i>)	first green
	Western Hawthorn (<i>Crategus erythropoda</i>)	showy but prickly
	Wild Rose (<i>Rosa</i> sp.)	pink flowers, red "hips"
	Western Snowberry (<i>Symphoricarpos</i> spp.)	opposite leaves
	Mountain Maple (<i>Acer glabrum</i>)	tangle of branches
Wildflowers & Grasses & Others	Golden Banner (<i>Thermopsis montanus</i>)	yellow fellow
	Short's Milkvetch (<i>Astragalus shortianus</i>)	short and purple
	Blue Grama (<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>) (grass)	short and curly
	Big bluestem (<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>) (grass)	redstem turkeyfoot
	Little bluestem (<i>Andropogon scoparius</i>) (grass)	fluffy seeds
	Prickly Pear Cactus (<i>Opuntia</i>)	you all know this one!
	Yucca, Spanish Bayonet (<i>Yucca glauca</i>)	and this one too...
	Wild Licorice (<i>Glycyrrhiza lepidota</i>)	rusty bur
	Easter Daisy (<i>Townsendia</i> sp.)	early white "daisy"
	Foothills (Little Blue) Penstemon (<i>Penstemon virens</i>)	glossy lvs, blue flowers
	Mountain Ball Cactus (<i>Pediocactus simpsonii</i>)	pink-flowered pincushion

Noxious Weeds on our Walk Today Green Mountain Hike, April 19, 2008

From List A (the worst)

Myrtle spurge (*Euphorbia myrsinites*)

From List B (bad guys)

Alias

Dalmatian toadflax (*Linaria dalmatica*)
Diffuse knapweed (*Centaurea diffusa*)
Redstem filaree (*Erodium cicutarium*)
Russian-olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*)

also Spotted knapweed (*C. maculata*)
stork's bill, crane's bill

From List C (keep an eye out)

Alias

Common mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*)

Indian tobacco, white man's footsteps

In our area, you might also see these other species of noxious weeds:

Canada thistle (<i>Cirsium arvense</i>)	List B	Downy brome (<i>Bromus tectorum</i>)	List C
Musk thistle (<i>Carduus nutans</i>)	List B	Field bindweed (<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>)	List C
Bouncing-bet (<i>Saponaria officinalis</i>)	List B	Poison hemlock (<i>Conium maculatum</i>)	List C
Common teasel (<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>)	List B	Jointed goatgrass (<i>Aegilops cylindrica</i>)	List C
Chicory (<i>Cichorium intybus</i>)	List C	St. Johnswort (<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>)	List C
Common burdock (<i>Arctium minus</i>)	List C		

Happy Earth Day, 38th Anniversary!