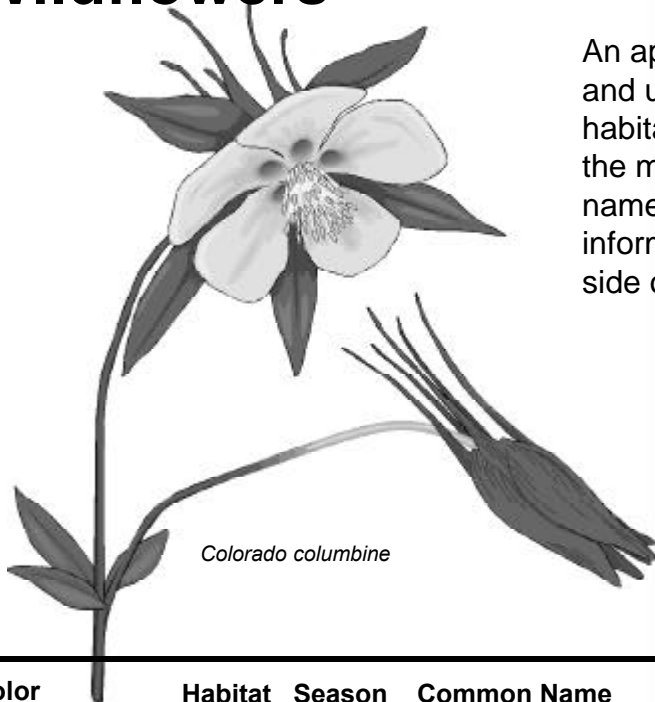




## Wildflowers



An appreciation for wildflowers can carry with it an awareness and understanding for the seasons, insect and bird life, habitat, and other related factors. The list that follows gives the more commonly observed wildflowers, colors, scientific names, habitat and seasonal variables, and other helpful information. The key to the symbols is given on the reverse side of this checklist.

Sources include William A. Weber's "Rocky Mountain Flora", 5th edition, 1976, Colorado Associated University Press, Boulder, Colorado, and W.A. Weber and Ruth Ashton Nelson, "Plants of Rocky Mountain National Park," 1970, Rocky Mountain Nature Association.

Color	Habitat	Season	Common Name	Scientific Name	Family
Y *key on back	M-d	E	Creeping hollygrape	<i>Mahonia repens</i>	Barberry
Y	M-d		Sulfur flower	<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>	Buckwheat
Y	A-w		Snow buttercup	<i>Ranunculus adoneus</i>	Buttercup
Y	S-w		Globeflower	<i>Trollius laxus</i>	"
Y	M/S		Heartleaf arnica	<i>Arnica cordifolia</i>	Composite
Y	M-d		Mountain gumweed	<i>Grindelia subalpina</i>	"
Y	M-d		Dwarf sunflower	<i>Helianthus pumilus</i>	"
Y	A		Rydbergia	<i>Hymenoxys grandiflora</i>	"
Y	M		Black-eyed susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	"
Y	S-w		Arrowleaf ragwort	<i>Senecio triangularis</i>	"
Y	M		Goldenrod	<i>Solidago sparsiflora</i>	"
Y	M		Salsify	<i>Tragopogon dubius</i>	"
Y	S/A		Western yellow paintbrush	<i>Castilleja occidentalis</i>	Figwort
Y	M/S-w		Yellow monkeyflower	<i>Mimulus guttatus</i>	"
Y	M/S		Twinberry	s <i>Lonicera involucrata</i>	Honeysuckle
Y	A		Golden draba	<i>Draba aurea</i>	Mustard
Y	M	E	Western wallflower	<i>Erysimum asperum</i>	"
Y	M/S	E	Whiskbroom parsley	<i>Harbouria trachypleura</i>	Parsley
Y	M/S		Golden banner	<i>Thermopsis divaricarpa</i>	Pea
Y	A		Alpine avens	<i>Acomastylis rossii ssp. turbinata</i>	Rose
Y	M/S/A		Shrubby cinquefoil	s <i>Pentaphylloides floribunda</i>	"
Y	M/S		Silvery cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla hippiana</i>	"
Y	M-d	E	Bitterbrush or Antelope brush	s <i>Purshia tridentata</i>	"
Y	M/S/A-d		Yellow stonecrop	<i>Sedum lanceolatum</i>	Stonecrop
Y	M/S-w		Yellow pondlily	<i>Nuphar luteum ssp. polysepalum</i>	Waterlily
Pi	M-d	E	Mountain ball cactus	<i>Pediocactus simpsonii</i>	Cactus
Pi	M/S		Fireweed	<i>Chamerion angustifolium</i>	Evening-primrose
Pi	M/S/A-w		Elephantella	<i>Pedicularis groenlandica</i>	Figwort
Pi	M-d		Wild geranium	<i>Geranium caespitosum</i>	Geranium
Pi	S		Broom huckleberry	<i>Vaccinium scoparium</i>	Heath
Pi	M/S	E	Kinnikinnic	s <i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi ssp. adenotricha</i>	"
Pi	M		Snowberry	s <i>Symphoricarpos oreophilus</i>	Honeysuckle
Pi	M/S		Nodding onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	Onion
Pi	M/S	E	Fairy slipper	<i>Calypso bulbosa</i>	Orchid
Pi	M		Limber vetch	<i>Astragalus flexuosus</i>	Pea
Pi	M/S		Colorado loco	<i>Oxytropis lambertii</i>	"
Pi	A		Alpine clover	<i>Trifolium dasyphyllum</i>	"
Pi	A	E	Moss campion	<i>Silene acaulis ssp. subacaulescens</i>	Pink
Pi	A		Fairy primrose	<i>Primula angustifolia</i>	Primrose
Pi	S/A-w		Parry primrose	<i>Primula parryi</i>	"
Pi	M/S		Wild rose	s <i>Rosa woodsii</i>	Rose
Pi	S/A-w		Queens crown	<i>Clematis rhodantha</i>	Stonecrop

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Color	Habitat	Season	Common Name	Scientific Name	Family
R	M		Narrow-leaved paintbrush	<i>Castilleja linariaefolia</i>	Figwort
R	A-w		Kings crown	<i>Rhodiola integrifolia</i>	Stonecrop
O	M/S		False dandelion	<i>Agoseris aurantiaca</i>	Composite
B	A	E	Alpine forget-me-not	<i>Eritrichum aretioides</i>	Borage
B-Pu	M/S-w		Tall chiming bells	<i>Mertensia ciliata</i>	"
B	S	L	Fringed gentian	<i>Gentianopsis thermalis</i>	Gentian
B-W	A		Tufted phlox	<i>Phlox sibirica ssp. pulvinata</i>	Phlox
B	S		Jacobs ladder	<i>Polemonium delicatum</i>	"
G	A		Alpine sorrel	<i>Oxyria digyna</i>	Buckwheat
G	M/S		Meadow-rue	<i>Thalictrum fendleri</i>	Buttercup
Pu	M/S		Mountain harebell	<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	Bellflower
Pu-W	M/S-w		Monkshood	<i>Aconitum columbianum</i>	Buttercup
Pu	M/S		Colorado columbine	<i>Aquilegia caerulea</i>	"
Pu	S-w		Subalpine larkspur	<i>Delphinium barbeyi</i>	"
Pu	M	E	American pasqueflower	<i>Pulsatilla patens ssp. multifida</i>	"
Pu	M	L	Tansy aster	<i>Machaeranthera pattersonii</i>	Composite
Pu	M/S		Aspen daisy	<i>Erigeron speciosus var. macranthus</i>	"
Pu	M		Tall one-sided penstemon	<i>Penstemon virgatus ssp. asa-grayi</i>	Figwort
Pu	M/S	E	Wild iris	<i>Iris missouriensis</i>	Iris
Pu	M		Horsemint	<i>Monarda fistulosa var. menthaefolia</i>	Mint
Pu	M/S		Silvery lupine	<i>Lupinus argenteus</i>	Pea
Pu	A		Sky pilot	<i>Polemonium viscosum</i>	Phlox
Pu	M/S-w		Shooting star	<i>Dodecatheon pulchellum</i>	Primrose
Pu	M/S/A		Purple fringe	<i>Phacelia sericea</i>	Waterleaf
W	M		Miners candle	<i>Cryptantha virgata</i>	Borage
W	A		American bistort	<i>Bistorta bistortoides</i>	Buckwheat
W	S/A-w		Marsh-marigold	<i>Caltha leptosepala</i>	Buttercup
W	M/S/A		Yarrow	<i>Achillea lanulosa</i>	Composite
W	M/S		Pearly everlasting	<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>	"
W	M/S-d		Rocky Mountain pussytoes	<i>Antennaria rosea</i>	"
W	M-d		Big sagebrush	s <i>Artemisia tridentata ssp. vaseyana</i>	"
W	M/S	L	Smooth white aster	<i>Aster porteri</i>	"
W	M	E	Easter daisy	<i>Townsendia exscapa</i>	"
W	S		Parrots-beak	<i>Pedicularis racemosa</i>	Figwort
W	A	L	Arctic gentian	<i>Gentianodes algida</i>	Gentian
W	M	E	Wax currant	s <i>Ribes cereum</i>	Gooseberry
W	M/S		Red elderberry	s <i>Sambucus racemosa ssp. pubens</i>	Honeysuckle
W	M	E	Waxflower	s <i>Jamesia americana</i>	Hydrangea
W	M		Mariposa lily	<i>Calochortus gunnisonii</i>	Lily
W	A	E	Alp lily	<i>Lloydia serotina</i>	"
W	M/S	E	False Solomoniseal	<i>Smilacina stellata</i>	"
W	M/S		Bedstraw	<i>Galium boreale ssp. septentrionale</i>	Madder
W	M/S-w		Brook-cress	<i>Cardamine cordifolia</i>	Mustard
W	M/S		Spotted coral root	<i>Corallorhiza maculata</i>	Orchid
W	M/S-w		Cow parsnip	<i>Heracleum sphondylium ssp. montanum</i>	Parsley
W	M/A		Fendler sandwort	<i>Arenaria fendleri</i>	Pink
W	M/S/A		Field mouse-ear	<i>Cerastium arvense</i>	"
W	A		Alpine sandwort	<i>Minuartia obtusiloba</i>	"
W	M/S		Wild strawberry	<i>Fragaria ovalis</i>	Rose
W	M	E	Chokecherry	s <i>Prunus virginiana var. melanocarpa</i>	"
W	M	E	Boulder raspberry	s <i>Rubus deliciosus</i>	"
W	M/S/A		Dotted saxifrage	<i>Saxifrage bronchialis ssp. austromontana</i>	Saxifrage

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Key to symbols:

Since there are over 900 different plant species found in Rocky Mountain National Park, there are often one or more other plant species closely related to the one(s) listed.

**Color:** Y = yellow    Pi = pink    R = red    O = orange    B = blue    G = green  
 Pu = purple    W = white    B-W = blue or white flower

**Habitat:** M = montane    S = subapline    A = alpine  
 d = dry    w = wet

**Season:** E = early (May - June)    L = late (August - Spetember)