

## REPORT FROM THE FIELD

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### POPPY RESERVE

**Poppy Trail North Loop** – The cheat grass and brome are going to seed. Fiddleneck still has flowers but some are drying and going to seed, the Filaree are going to the Storksbill seedpods, Silver Puffs are going to the puff stage (their seed). Flowers in bloom are: Cream Cups, Evening Snow, Forget-me-nots, Goldfields, Poppies, Owl's Clover and Blue Dick.

**Poppy Trail South Loop**—Flowers in bloom are and starting to go to seed are: Poppies, Filaree, Fiddleneck, Slender Keel Fruit, and tiny Forget-me-nots.

**Tehachapi Vista Point Trail** - Filaree is going to seed, as is red brome and cheat grass, Fiddleneck still has flowers but some are going to seed, Silver Puffs are going to the puff stage. Flowers in bloom are: Poppies, Goldfields, Fremont Pincushions, Forget-me-nots, Locoweed, Cream Cups, Lupine, and Blue Dick. The Grape Soda Lupine on the west side of the trail – are surrounded with a nice patch of Goldfields with a sprinkling of Poppies. If you want to get the grape soda smell try smelling the young lighter purple, newly opened flowers. The older flowers are giving way to the seed pods and they don't have the smell. On the west side of the hill, the grasses are starting to dry and some of the Goldfields have already lost their petals and the poppies are losing their petals and are going to the seedpod stage.



**Grape Soda Lupine**

**Lightning Bolt Trail** – Poppies are in bloom but there are still young plants that have not produced their first flower bud and are wilting. The more mature poppy plants are starting to form their seed pods. Plants in bloom: Lupine, Blue Dick, Fringe Pod, Wild Parsley, Forget-me-nots (they are starting to go to seed.), Rattlesnake Weed, Lacy Phacelia (these plants have gone to seed and are drying up with virtually no flowers remaining), Slender Keel Fruit, Fiddleneck, Filaree (starting to produce seed pods), Red Maids (are gone), Silver Puffs are starting to open their yellow flowers and produce the puffs, California Asters have new leaves at the base of the plant and Wishbone/Four-o'clock have new green leaves with flower buds starting. Bunch grasses have new blades.

**Antelope Butte Trail** - The trail has not been cleared of vegetation but still walkable. Poppies, Goldfields, Slender Keel Fruit, Filaree, Fiddleneck, Silver Puffs, and Pygmy-leafed Lupine.

**Valley Vista Point Trail** – Flowers in bloom are: Filaree, Fiddleneck, Poppies, Blue Dick, Goldfields, Slender Keel Fruit, a nice area of Forget-me-nots with Poppies at the top of the vista point, Pygmy-leafed Lupine, Mustard, Evening Snow, Suncups. There is a lot of Cheat Grass in this area and it is going to seed.

**Antelope Trail North Loop** – Flowers in bloom are: Fiddleneck, Filaree, Goldfields, Poppies, Slender Keel Fruit, Mustard, Blue Dick, Silver Puffs have the yellow flowers and a few have gone to the puff stage, few Lacy Phacelia, Forget-me-nots, and Pygmy-leafed Lupine. A few of the more mature poppies are forming their seed pods. The smaller poppy plants may produce one or two flowers and the even smaller plants are starting to wilt and not producing any flowers.

**Antelope Trail South Loop** - Flowers in bloom are: Fiddleneck, Filaree, Goldfields, Poppies, Slender Keel Fruit, Mustard, Blue Dick, Silver Puffs have the yellow flowers and a few have gone to the puff stage, few Lacy Phacelia, Forget-me-nots, Pygmy-leafed Lupine and Owl's Clover.

**Picnic Trail** – Filaree, Fiddleneck, Goldfields, Poppies, and Slender Keel Fruit.

## WILDFLOWER SIGHTINGS

- **Lancaster Road** to the Poppy Reserve there are Poppies, Goldfields, Fremont Pincushions, Fiddleneck, and Davy Gilia.
- **170<sup>th</sup> St. West** – Nice patches of Goldfields intermixed with Poppies, Fiddleneck, and Davy Gilia.
- **Avenue D (Hwy 138)** – There are Goldfields and Poppies from 170<sup>th</sup> St. West to 110<sup>th</sup> St. West.
- **Arthur B. Ripley Woodland State Park**—The roadside going to Ripley have California Primrose. Flowers blooming in the park are: Fiddleneck, Tidy Tips, nice showing of Silver Puffs, Cheat Grass going to seed, Filaree, Comb-bur, Goldfields, Comet Blazing Stars, Linear-leaf Goldenbush, Blue Sage, Suncups, Beaver-tail Cacti are forming their flower buds. Joshua trees have buds, flowers and starting to form the seedpods.
- **Devil's Punch Bowl**—Linear-leafed Goldenbush and Mountain Mahogany trees are in bloom. The Bigberry Manzanita has flowers and berries. ▶
- **Theodore Payne Wildlife Sanctuary**— Goldfields, Desert Dandelion, Suncups, Purple Thistle and Fremont Pincushions. Nice showing of Suncups, Coreopsis, Goldfields and Davy Gilia on the dirt road between the Black Butte and Three Sisters.
- **Jack Rabbit Flat Wildlife Sanctuary**— Davy Gilia, Goldfields, Suncups, Comet Blazing Star, Coreopsis, white Parry Gilia and Forget-me-nots. ▼

