

Plant 1: Kennedy's Buckwheat



Fast Facts:

The Flowers of the Kennedy Buckwheat are small white petals with red and pink shades. The stems are a reddish color that comes up out of a greyish green leaf bed. The leaves are very densely clustered together and are oval in shape. The leaves have little hairs or fibers on them that give the leaves its greyish look. The buckwheat can stand very cold temperatures as well as temperatures that are above 140 degrees F. The Buckwheat mat (or leafy part) sits on top of the surface of the ground, but has roots that are very strongly held in the ground. The blooming period for this flower is only during the months of June, July, August, and September. The mat of leaves is often only an inch or so tall. The Flower stems can be several inches in length averaging around 5-6 in height.

Source

Tim Krantz. (1990). *A Guide to the Rare and Unusual Wildflowers of the Big Bear Valley Preserve*. Published by Friends of Big Bear Valley Preserve.

Plant 2: Bear Valley Sandwort



Fast Facts:

The Bear Valley Sandwort can be hard to find sometimes because its tuft or bunch of leaves is often hidden amongst the rocks. The tuft is dark green, short, and sharp pointed. The blooming season for the flowers is between June and July. The flowers shoot out with a white five-petaled bud with little purple pollen anthers. The Sandwort grows an average of 6-8 inches tall and prefers rocky soils and terrains.

Source

Tim Krantz. (1990). *A Guide to the Rare and Unusual Wildflowers of the Big Bear Valley Preserve*. Published by Friends of Big Bear Valley Preserve.

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Plant 3: Ashy-Grey Paintbrush



Fast Facts:

The Ashy-Grey Paint Brush is a parasitic plant. This means it takes food and water from other plants around it. The Ashy-Grey Paint Brush often grows close to Kennedy's Buckwheat and gets its nutrients from the Buckwheat's roots. The Paintbrush has greyish-green stems that sprout with yellow to maroon buds. The flowers bloom in the months of May and August. The Ashy-Grey Paint Brush can grow up to 15 cm or about 6 inches tall.

Source Tim Krantz. (1990). *A Guide to the Rare and Unusual Wildflowers of the Big Bear Valley Preserve*. Published by Friends of Big Bear Valley Preserve.

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Plant 4: Rayless Fleabane or Rayless Daisy



Fast Facts: The Rayless Fleabane

is smaller than its cousins that farther north in the Sierra Nevada's. The dry climate of Big Bear causes the Rayless Fleabane to considerably smaller in size typically being only a couple of inches tall. The flower is called a Rayless Daisy because its flower does not produce any petals. Instead, it has a yellow center with little yellow anthers that stick out around the edges. The leaves are narrow green leaves with little fuzzy white hairs that covered them. The head of each flower is about 1 cm wide.

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Plant 5: Rat Tails



Fast Facts:

The Rat Tail or *Ivesia argyrocoma* as it's known in Latin is part of the Rose family of flowers. The stems of this flower can grow up to 20 cm long or about 8 inches tall. The leaves are a greyish-green color and look similar to tails. The leaflets overlap each other almost forming a braid. Each leaf can be about 8 cm long or about 3 inches long. The flowers are white in color and only bloom in the months of May and June.

Source

Tim Krantz. (1990). *A Guide to the Rare and Unusual Wildflowers of the Big Bear Valley Preserve*. Published by Friends of Big Bear Valley Preserve.

Wikipedia. (2013). *Ivesia argyrocoma*. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ivesia_argyrocoma

Plant 6: Douglas' Violets



Fast Facts:

The Douglas's Violets are not violet in color at all, but rather are mostly yellow with maroon bottoms. The leaves are narrow with blunt-tipped leaflet. The stems are green to brown and grow anywhere from 3-9 inches tall. Unlike other plants on the pebble plain, this plant grows in places from San Diego all the way to Oregon.

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<http://www.pnwflowers.com/flower/viola-douglasii>

Plant 7: Parish's Rock-Cress



Fast Facts:

The Parish's Rock-Cress has four petals that are shaped like spoons. The flowers colors are purple and white. The leaves are a greyish-green leaf. The leaves are narrow and come to a small point. The blooming period for this flower is in between the months of April and May. The Rock-Cress like many of the plants on the pebble plain grows under 6 inches in height.

Sources

Tim Krantz. (1990). *A Guide to the Rare and Unusual Wildflowers of the Big Bear Valley Preserve*. Published by Friends of Big Bear Valley Preserve.

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Plant 8: Douglas' Draba



Fast Facts:

The Douglas' Draba is a very small flower with small clusters of pointed leaves with purple or maroon buds in the center. When the flower blooms in April little four petaled white flowers appear. In the center of the flower are yellow anthers. The plant is very low to the ground not growing more than a couple inches tall.

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