

# Discover the Wildflower Garden

The Wildflower Garden features flowers, shrubs, and grasses that are native to the Rogue Valley. Our area is part of the California Province of Wildflowers, which is considered a hotspot for native plant biodiversity. The garden also includes non-native plants that are found frequently in our area. The garden is in bloom from early spring until late fall, attracting an abundance of bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. The Wildflower Garden was registered as a Monarch Way Station as of 2015.

## Look for:

- *Western Clematis (Clematis ligusticifolia)* - It's the climbing vine on the trellis. It has lovely fragrant flowers and attracts humming birds.
- *California fuschia (Epilobium canum)* - It has tubular red flowers that look like a fuschia, but is actually a very drought-tolerant native. You may have seen it on the rocky cliffs on the way to the southern Oregon coast.
- *Showy Milkweed (Asclepias speciosa)* - Host plant for the Monarch butterfly. Monarchs visit in summer and lay their eggs on leaves. Use the steppingstones to find a caterpillar eating the leaves before it pupates.

## Garden Tips

- Add a small saucer of water as a Bee Bath to your garden. This shallow dish with a few stones in the bottom provides water to pollinators.
- Incorporate native plants into your garden to attract native pollinators. Some beneficial insects are very host specific and will only pollinate from the native plant they prefer.
- Adding a path to the garden creates movement and encourages visitors to walk through the garden slowly so they notice more details about plants, flowers, and landscape elements.

