

early

APRIL



SCOUT CAMP TRAIL

Central Oregon Backcountry

- goldenfield
- sand lily
- phlox
- buckwheat
- arrowleaf balsamroot



early to mid

OTTER BENCH TRAIL

Central Oregon Backcountry

- arrowleaf balsamroot
- desert paintbrush
- sagebrush buttercup
- slender woodland star



mid

COTTONWOOD CANYON STATE PARK

John Day River Basin

- arrowleaf balsamroot

mid to late

OREGON BADLANDS WILDERNESS

Central Oregon Backcountry

- desert parsley



JOHN DAY FOSSIL BEDS

John Day River Basin

- cleome
- chaenactis
- mariposa lily
- orange globemallow
- larkspur



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MAY



OREGON BADLANDS WILDERNESS

Central Oregon Backcountry

- sand lily

MALHEUR WILDLIFE REFUGE

Steens Mountain Region

- bigleaf lupine
- arrowleaf balsamroot
- desert paintbrush
- cushion buckwheat
- bitterroot
- woolly groundsel
- shaggy milkvetch
- basalt milkvetch
- upland larkspur
- dwarf yellow fleabane
- nineleaf biscuitroot
- sand lily

EAGLE CANYON, SPRING BASIN WILDERNESS

John Day River Basin

- phlox

FORT ROCK STATE NATURAL AREA

Greater Hart-Sheldon

- sand phacelia
- dwarf purple monkeyflower
- Anderson's larkspur
- showy penstemon



mid

CLARNO UNIT, JOHN DAY FOSSIL BEDS

John Day River Basin

- prairie rocket
- prairie clover
- larkspur

ALDER SPRINGS, WHYCHUS CREEK

Central Oregon Backcountry

- bitterroot
- buckwheat
- milk vetch



mid to late

SILVER CREEK MARSH CAMPGROUND, FREMONT NATIONAL FOREST

Greater Hart-Sheldon

- larkspur
- strawberry



CHAIN LAKES (Palomino Buttes) or RIMROCK LAKE (east of Glass Buttes)

Steens Mountain Region

- tansy-leaf evening primrose

PAINTED CANYON

Owyhee Canyonlands

- orange globemallow
- desert evening primrose



late

OREGON BADLANDS WILDERNESS

Central Oregon Backcountry

- prairie rockets



SHEEP ROCK UNIT, JOHN DAY FOSSIL BEDS

John Day River Basin

- mariposa lily
- orange globemallow
- buckwheat
- purple sage
- yarrow
- prairie clover
- blazing star



DOMINGO PASS AREA, PUEBLO MOUNTAINS

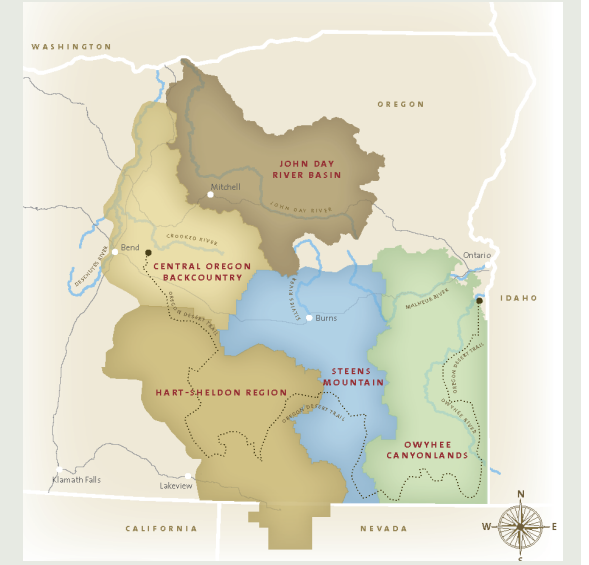
Owyhee Canyonlands

- buckwheat
- tumblemustard
- lupine
- gilia
- western blue flag iris
- Bruneau mariposa lily

High Desert Wildflowers

Every region within Oregon's high desert holds a mix of native wildflowers.

For each trail or area highlighted, we've listed one or more of the flowers you can expect to see in some abundance at that point in the season, and there will certainly be other species to enchant you as well. We've left shrubs and grasses off this list entirely, but in many places you can also expect excellent displays from bitterbrush, snowbrush, ceanothus and the like. Note that these recommendations are based on previous years' reports and subject to change.



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JUNE

OREGON BADLANDS WILDERNESS (north end)

Central Oregon Backcountry

- purple sage



LOGAN VALLEY, MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST

John Day River Basin

- Cusick's paintbrush
- elephanthead lousewort



BARHARDY ROAD, HART MOUNTAIN ANTELOPE REFUGE

Greater Hart-Sheldon

- shaggy fleabane



OREGON BADLANDS WILDERNESS

Central Oregon Backcountry

- red monkeyflower
- Oregon sunshine



BALD BUTTE LOOKOUT, FREMONT NATIONAL FOREST

Greater Hart-Sheldon

- western groundsel

FREMONT NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL, FREMONT NATIONAL FOREST

Greater Hart-Sheldon

- mat buckwheat
- prickly sandwort
- threadstalk milkvetch



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JULY

OREGON BADLANDS WILDERNESS

Central Oregon Backcountry

- granite gilia (night-blooming)



BASQUE MEADOW

Steens Mountain Region

- orange sneezeweed
- glacial daisy
- arnica



STINKINGWATER MOUNTAINS

Steens Mountain Region

- tarweed
- gumweed
- scarlet gilia



LITTLE STRAWBERRY LAKE, STRAWBERRY MOUNTAINS

John Day River Basin

- paintbrush
- monk's hood
- fireweed
- arnica



Share Your Observations

As you explore the high desert this summer, we invite you to share your wildflower photographs with us. From the pages of our calendar, to weekly posts on social media, to use in technical reports, we can put your favorite wildflower shots to work. You can upload photos at ONDA.org/submit-your-photos or email your photos with location information to communications@onda.org.