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Send your completed scavenger hunt sheet and photos of the flowers you find to dmcintosh@tcrcd.net by May 15th to receive your prize and be entered into the drawing!

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PACIFIC HOUND'S TOUNGUE

Adelinia grandis tuom / tuomelali

Also known as grand hound's tongue or western hound's tongue. The flowers are often vibrant blue or purple but if you get lucky, you could come across the rare white form of this flower species!



SCARLET FRITTILARY

Fritillaria recurva wayti thami

These bright red flowers are bell-shaped and hang downwards so you may not notice the inside. It is worth getting down in the dirt to take a look from below!



TOLMIE STAR TULIP

Calochortus tolmiei

Look closely at these small flowers to notice all of their intricacies, especially all of the hairs!



PURDY'S FRITTILARY

Fritillaria purdyi wayidami

Purdy's fritillary is a rare flower, native and endemic to northwestern California! They are easy to miss as their coloring is not as bright as other flowers.



WARRIOR'S PLUME

Pedicularis densiflora

This early bloomer closely resembles species of Indian paintbrush!
Warrior's plume is a root parasite, meaning it attaches to the roots of other nearby plants for water and nutrients.



SHELTON'S VIOLET

Viola sheltonii

Shelton's violet is the only lowelevation violet in this region with deeply dissected leaves. These flowers can be truly appreciated if you are low to the ground and can take a closer look at the purple and yellow coloration!



SHOWY

Phlox speciosa

Showy phlox grows in bright pink clusters, often along the sides of roads or trails.



PACIFIC BLEEDING HEART

Dicentra formosa

Look for the dangling, heart-shaped flowers perched on lacy, fern-like foliage. Once you spot the charismatic flowers of the Pacific bleeding heart, it is easy to see how it got its name!



HENDERSON'S SHOOTING STAR

Primula hendersonii

There are many species of shooting star, but this is the most common and only low elevation shooting star species found in Trinity County.



MILKMAIDS

Cardamine californica nore·lthami

This native wildflower is an especially early bloomer, popping up as early as December in some areas!



FAWN LILIES

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It is difficult to distinguish between the species of fawn lilies in this area. Roderick's fawn lily is endemic to the upper Trinity River basin. Other common species are cream fawn lily and California fawn lily



PACIFIC MADRONE FLOWERS

Arbutus menziesii nor-phaqa(mi·) kusripan

Pacific madrones don't flower every year but many are producing beautiful white flowers this year! There is anecdotal evidence that these trees will produce flowers during or following especially dry years.



SLENDER PHLOX

Microsteris gracilis

This tiny pink flower is abundant but easily missed due to its size! Look closely in sunny, rocky areas for little pops of pink flowers.



GREENLEAF MANZANITA

Arctostaphylos patula men baqi suuuem fath'úruhsa diniwhch

Greenleaf manzanita is a fire-dependent species, meaning it relies on fire to reproduce. Fire scarifies the hard-coated seeds, allowing them to germinate. Manzanitas are not fire-resistant though, and burn quite easily.



CALYPSO ORCHID

Calypso bulbosa Wohpekuemew 'we-no'oy

Calypso orchids are beautiful and rare! Though their range extends across most of North America, calypso orchids are threatened or endangered in several states.



BUCKBRUSH

Ceanothus cuneatus bulixit

Buckbrush is a common ceanothus species! It is important for many pollinators throughout the season. It also produces a very strong, sweet smell that can be overpowering or allergy-triggering to some people.



WESTERN REDBUD

Cercis occidentalis
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Western redbud is a harbinger of spring! Indigenous people use straight branches for arrows and the bark for basket decoration. The flowers are also edible!



INDIAN PAINTBRUSH

Castilleja sp. fúnaxich k'ilts'os

Like warrior's plume, Indian paintbrush is hemiparasitic, meaning it attaches to the roots of other nearby plants for some (not all) of its water and nutrients.



CALIFORNIA POPPY

Eschscholzia californica bolboloqluli

California poppy is used in herbal medicine to treat headaches and anxiety. It is also California's state flower!



NUTTALL'S LARKSPUR

Delphinium nuttallium daqalas k'ima:w-łig'a:w

This beautiful purple flower has been used traditionally by native peoples to create blue dyes. All parts of the plant are toxic so don't let your animals ingest it!

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