

Telegraph Weed

Hirtella grandiflora
Sunflower Family



HABITAT

Telegraph weed is common in disturbed areas and along roadsides.

BLOOM PERIOD

Its small yellow flowers cluster at the top of the stalk, and usually bloom in July and August. They grow three to six feet tall, and they have oval, gray-green, hairy leaves which are alternate.

Common Hareleaf

Lespedeza tenuisima
Sunflower Family



HABITAT

Also known as "slender rabbit-leaf," it is found in dry, sandy areas.

BLOOM PERIOD

Its small, pale yellow flowers bloom from May through October, opening in late afternoon and closing the following midmorning. This plant grows six inches to two feet tall.

Sticky Tarweed

Holcapha virgata
Sunflower Family



HABITAT

Sticky tarweed is common in disturbed areas.

BLOOM PERIOD

Its yellow flowers bloom from June through November on a plant which grows six inches to four feet high. It has numerous stalked glands on short branches, and a strong odor that many find disagreeable.



Salt Heliotrope

Heliotropium curassavicum
Forget-me-not Family

HABITAT

This low, spreading plant is found in drying flood plains.

BLOOM PERIOD

Salt heliotrope's light purple flowers can be found in bloom from June through August. Its fleshy stems are smooth and covered with a bluish wax, on a plant only six to eighteen inches high.

Vinegar Weed

Trichostema lanceolatum
Mint Family



HABITAT

Found in disturbed places, this plant has a strong, vinegary odor, and is covered with hair.

BLOOM PERIOD

It blooms from August through October, and the curved tubular petals of its blue flowers are twisted so that the long stamens point toward the stem. It grows two to five feet high. Bees are an important pollinator.



Jimsonweed

Datura stramonium
Nightshade Family

HABITAT

Jimsonweed is a plant which grows in dry open places.

BLOOM PERIOD

Jimsonweed blooms from April until November on a plant one to four feet tall. With large leaves and white trumpet-shaped flowers tinged with light purple, it has a deep tap root. Cultivated members of the Nightshade Family include Belladonna, Petunia, Tomato and Potato.