



Sun Cups (Evening Primrose Family)

Taraxia ovata, blooms February to April

Also known as Cowslips, this flower is widespread in open grassland. You can see it on Mt. Burdell, and in Point Reyes.

What looks like the stem of a Sun Cups is actually part of the flower. The seeds form at the bottom, under the ground.

Costanoan Indians ate the leaves raw, steamed or boiled.

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Mission Bells (Lily Family)

Fritillaria affinis, blooms March to May

Mission Bells is widespread – found on brushy or wooded slopes. You can see it at Millerton Point, and Canyon Open Space.

A rare variety of this plant, the Point Reyes Chocolate Lily, can be found at Point Reyes.

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Blue-Eyed Grass (Iris Family)

Sisyrinchium bellum, blooms March to May

Blue-eyed grass is widespread in Marin County grasslands. You can see it at Point Reyes at Bull Point and Chimney Rock.

This plant is neither blue, nor a grass! It is named for its thin grass-like leaves.

Sisyrinchium (its genus name above) means pig snout. Wild pigs find the roots delicious.

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Leopard Lily (Lily Family)

Lilium pardalinum, blooms June to July

Leopard Lily is found in wet meadow and springs in serpentine areas. You can see it at Bootjack and Potrero Meadows on Mount Tamalpais.

A rare lily called the Coast Lily is similar to Leopard Lily, and can be found at Point Reyes.

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