

Short Walk 11 May 13

1. Undesirable #1: Ripgut Grass.
2. Milk Thistle.
3. Silver Beach Lupine, with bright yellow Rush-rose.
4. Beach Sagewort with silvery-green leaves, and bright red Coast Paint-brush.
5. Tidy Tips, yellow flowers with tidy white tips.
6. Yellow Bush Lupine.
7. Sticky Monkey Flower. Look to the left of the road to see the vernal pool that we are circling.
8. California Poppy
9. Telegraph Weed. Curious toadstool to the right in back.
10. Patch of Petrorhagia, a non-native flower that has arrived here within our lifetime.
11. Black Sage a mint, in bloom. Tall spikes in the background are Chaparral Currant.
12. Pitcher Sage, another mint, with Blue Dicks around it.
13. Three Navarritia species blooming together at the Iron Triangle.
14. Rattlesnake Grass has no bite.
15. California Milkwort, a pretty flower especially common after a fire.
16. While many iris plants love water, Douglas' Iris is native in the chaparral.
17. Interior Live Oak. Uncommon on Ft Ord, but in bloom and doing well here. Note flat leaves.
18. Sandmat Manzanita. Often low, but much taller across the road.
19. Coast Live Oak. By far the most common tree on Ft Ord. Note the curled edges of the leaves.
20. Cobweb Thistle, an attractive native thistle.
21. A Yellow Bush Lupine growing with a Silver Beach Lupine.

Earlier this week we saw Sage Sparrows, Lesser Goldfinches, Spotted Towhees, Lazuli Buntings, Dark-eyed Juncos, Western Scrub-Jays, a Bewick's Wren, and some swallows along this route. We also saw the delicate Ringnecked Snake on the road, as well as several lizards.