

SOUTHWESTERN UTAH NATIVE PLANTS

*A few of the native plants you might see on a hike
around St. George, Utah*

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We hope this mini-guide will make your hikes in Southwest Utah even more fun. Many of these plants are not only along hiking trails but even along roads in the area. Keep your eyes open! We hope you draw and write in here to make this your own personal record.

Ask yourself.....

How many of these plants can I find?
What other plants did I see?
What animals did I see?
What else did I notice?

For some hiking trail ideas, visit your local Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office.

**Get Outdoors
And
Have Fun!**

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NATIVE GRASSES



Galetta
Hilaria jamesii



Sand dropseed
Sporobolus cryptandrus



Sandberg Bluegrass
Poa secunda



Needle and Threadgrass
Stipa Comata



Sideoats Grama
Bouteloua curtipendula



Indian Ricegrass
Oryzopsis Hymenoides



Gooseberryleaf Globemallow ★
Sphaeralcea grossulariifolia

- Up to 24" tall
- Roundish leaves
- Coral flowers
- Blooms April-Aug.

Fun fact: looks gray-green because it is covered with hair

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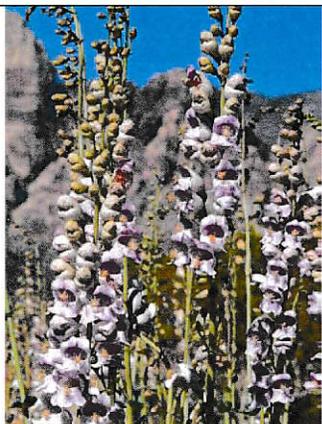


Small Burnet ★
Sanguisorba minor

- ¾" – 24" tall
- Compound oval leaves
- Green & Purple blooms
- Blooms May-July

Fun fact: Deer like to eat small burnet.

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Palmer's Penstemon ★
Penstemon palmeri

- 3'-6' tall
- Triangular leaves with teeth
- Pink, sweet smelling snapdragon-like flowers
- Blooms May & June

Fun fact: Attracts hummingbirds

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Fourwing Saltbrush ★
Atriplex canescens

- Up to 7' tall
- Oval leaves
- Green or yellow flowers
- Blooms May-Sep.

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Blue Flax ★
Linum lewisii

- 12" – 24" tall
- Small narrow leaves
- Blue flowers w/5 petals
- Blooms May-July

Fun fact: When livestock eats blue flax, it makes them drowsy

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You identify this one!



Common Name

Scientific Name

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**Mexican
Bladdersage**

Salazaria mexicana

Fun fact: Also known as the Paperbag Bush because it grows thin bags over the fruit that look and crinkle like paperbags.

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Skunkbush Sumac

Rhus trilobata

- 2' – 8' tall
- Leaflets grow in groups of 3
- Flowers in early Spring and then red berries

Fun fact: Berries are sour but can be brewed to make a kind of lemonade.



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Mormon Tea

Ephedra viridis

Fun fact: Pioneers and Native Americans have used this plant as a stimulant, but don't eat it if you find it because it is very bitter! Plus, use of Ephedra has been shown to cause very negative side effects.

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Sand Sagebrush

Artemisia filifolia

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Indigo Bush

Psoralea fremontii

- 2'-3' tall
- Grey-green leaves
- Bright blue/purple flowers in Spring
- Bare most of the year with white twisted branches

Fun fact: This plant is in the pea family

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Plains Pricklypear Cactus

Opuntia polyacantha

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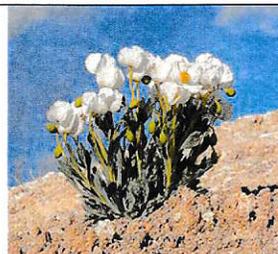
Buckhorn Cholla Cactus

Opuntia acanthocarpa

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RARE PLANTS

If you see these plants, you are lucky! Some of these are so rare that they are only ever seen in our area.



Dwarf Bearclaw Poppy
Arctomecon humilis



Gierisch Mallow
Sphaeralcea gierischii



Shivwits Milkvetch
Astragalus ampullarioides



Photo from USFWS Mountain Prairie

Holmgren Milkvetch
Astragalus-holmgreniorum



Siler's Pincushion
Pediocactus sileri

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