

Coast Range Mariposa Lily

Calochortus vestae
Lily Family, *Liliaceae*



This graceful perennial bulb with its 2-6 large bowl shaped flowers has intricate petal markings that add great beauty to the flower. Flowers are commonly white but sometimes pink or purple. Each flower has three, wedge shaped petals marked with a red brown blotch in a pale yellow zone with smears of brown and yellow from the base of the petal slightly upward. The leaves are linear, basal and somewhat long. Favoring clay soil in mixed evergreen forests you will find this plant in three of our counties.

Hummingbirds and butterflies collect the nectar and wildlife eat the seed pods.

May-Jul • So, Na, Me
30-50 cm, 12-18 in



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Superb Mariposa Lily

Calochortus superbus
Lily Family, *Liliaceae*



“Mariposa” means “butterfly,” and the exceptional flower of this gorgeous perennial bulb deserves the comparison to such flitting jewels. Three large petals in white, to yellow or lavender form a cup shaped flower graced with intricate designs. Petals are wedge or heart shaped and come to a subtle point at their

tips. Each petal has a chevron shaped bright yellow zone with a small maroon wedge near its center. Below the colorful marking is a row of tiny short hairs near the flower’s nectary. The leaves are basal and linear. Look for this lovely treasure on open grassland and woodland.



May-Jul • Ma, So, Na, Me
40-60 cm, 16-24 in

Superb Mariposa Lily

Common Muilla

Muilla maritima

Lily Family, *Liliaceae*



The perky upright flowers of this spring blooming perennial have leaves that are linear and sometimes quite long, ranging from 10-60 cm, 4-24 in. Flowers grow in an umbel of 4-20 flowers. Each flower has six narrow white to greenish petals with a brownish mid rib stretching out from the flower center where the pistil is prominent. Only occasionally found and favoring coastal sage scrub, chaparral, and woodlands, this shy native avoids our northern most county.

Muillas resemble some members of the onion genus, *Allium*. *Muilla* is actually *Allium* spelled backwards. An easy way to tell them apart is that *Muilla* has no onion odor.

Mar-Jun • Ma, So, Na
15-60 cm, 6-24 in



Common Muilla

Wild Hyacinth

Triteleia hyacinthina

Lily Family, *Liliaceae*



Common in low, moist meadows, vernal pools, along streams, and occasionally on drier slopes, this little beauty has a green mid rib vein on each of its petals. Small white flowers grow on short stalks and are grouped in an umbel on an erect stem. Each flower has six petals and six true stamens. Foliage is basal with 2-3 narrowly lance shaped stem leaves which are often withered when the flowers bloom.



Wild Hyacinth

Long-ray Brodiaea, *Triteleia peduncularis*, is similar but has longer stalks and pure white flowers with no green midrib on the petals.

A good garden plant that favors sun to partial shade and likes containers.

Apr-Aug • Ma, So, Na, Me
15-60 cm, 6-24 in