

Whistler Blackcomb Wildflowers

A variety of alpine wildflowers can be spotted on both mountains during the summer months. Be sure to take a Whistler Blackcomb Alpine Trail Map to find the best viewing areas.



WHITE MOUNTAIN HEATHER, originally native to the Arctic and Northern Norway, can be found growing on alpine ridges and meadows. The white flowers are bellshaped, and can grow 10cm to 20cm (4in to 7.9in) high.



MOUNTAIN BUTTERCUP is primarily found in deeper soils and among bunch grasses of undisturbed grasslands or areas of sagebrush. The flower has a waxy sheen to it and its stems rise 3cm to 8cm (1.2in to 3.1in) high.



ALPINE FIREWEED is a bright to deep pink, and sometimes white flower that grows from 5cm to 3 metres (2in to 118in) tall. It can be found on several different trails, including the Harmony Meadows Trail on Whistler.



MOUNTAIN ARNICA flower has tall stems, 20cm to 60cm (7.9in to 24in) high. This flower is sometimes used as an ointment for treating bruises, sprains and strains on the surface of the skin. However, it is poisonous to ingest.



WESTERN PASQUE'S cream-colored blossoms emerge in alpine meadows as soon as the snow melts, often along the margins of lingering snow patches. At full maturity they are 15cm to 20cm (6in to 7.9in) high.



SITKA VALERIAN grows in moist alpine meadows and can be found on the Overlord Trail and Lakeside Loop on Blackcomb. This perennial ranges in height from 70cm (27.6in) to a metre. Flowers are pale pink to white and form a dense, sweet scented cluster.



ARCTIC LUPINE is a bushy herb that grows 15cm to 50cm tall (6in to 19.7in) and flourishes at high elevations in meadows or dry slopes. Typically blue, but sometimes shadowed with pink or white, this flower is poisonous when eaten.



INDIAN PAINTBRUSH is a slowgrowing plant that can grow up to 60cm (24in) tall and live for up to 20 years in the high alpine. It can be found in moist areas along the Harmony Lake Trail & Loop on Whistler or the Lakeside Loop on Blackcomb.



MOUNTAIN MONKEY FLOWER is short in stature, between 5cm to 20cm (2 to 8in) and grows along the borders of streams and ponds of the Harmony Lake Trail & Loop.



PARTRIDGE FOOT grows in wetland areas along the Harmony Lake Trail & Loop. The plant has cream-colored flowers in the summer and golden seed pods in the fall. This shrub-like perennial ranges in height from 8cm to 15cm (3.1in to 6in).



PINK MOUNTAIN HEATHER is a small, alpine shrub that grows to a height of 10cm to 40cm (4in to 15.8in). It's characterized by its pink bell-shaped flower that consists of five fused sepals, not petals. This slow growing plant can live up to 20 years or more.