

Plant Guide to Nighthawk Loop Trail, Santa Rosa Plateau

Mile	s	#	id?	Common Name	Latin Name	#here	#all
0.00				Begin trail on east side of Sylvan Meadows Parking Area at opening in fence; elevation ~1870 feet (570 m)			
0.00	l			Sign: "Nighthawk Loop Trail 0.6 mi"			
0.00	b	1	ssp	*foxtail barley	<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	20	2
0.00	b	2		*soft chess	<i>Bromus hordeaceus</i>	99	9 40
0.00	l	3	sp	needlegrass	<i>Nassella sp.</i>		/
0.00	r	4		*rippgut brome	<i>Bromus diandrus</i>	10	2 52
0.00	b	5		*slender wild oats	<i>Avena barbata</i>	99	9 40
0.00	l	6	~	*knotweed	<i>Polygonum arenastrum</i>	5	1 19
0.00	r	7		*sand spurrey	<i>Spergularia bocconei</i>	5	1 14
0.00	r	8		Engelmann oak	<i>Quercus engelmannii</i>	10	9 23
0.00				l: Display board; iron ranger "Pay Fees Here"; r: picnic tables			
0.00	l	9		rusty-haired popcorn flower	<a href="#"><i>Plagiobothrys nothofulvus</i></a> <sup>±</sup>		/ 13
0.00	l	10	~	*short-fruited filaree	<i>Erodium brachycarpum</i>	99	9 14

0.00	l	11	*redstem filaree	<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	/	55			basketbush, <i>Rhus trilobata</i> )
0.00	l	12	*narrowleaf filago	<i>Filago gallica</i>	99 / 9	45	0.50		Cross shallow drainage
0.01			Y-Jct to begin the loop; go right				0.53	r	(climbing bedstraw, <i>Galium nuttallii</i> ssp. <i>nuttallii</i> )
0.01	r	13	ssp fiddleneck	<i>Amsinckia menziesii</i>	50 / 5		0.55		Jct. beginning of loop; end guide
0.01	r	14	Spanish clover	<i>Lotus purshianus</i> var. <i>purshianus</i>	99 / 9	31	0.56		Back at trailhead
0.01	r	15	dove weed	<i>Eremocarpus setigerus</i>	50 / 9	24			
0.01	b	16	rattlesnake weed	<i>Daucus pusillus</i>	50 / 9	29			
0.01	r		(coast-range melic, <i>Melica imperfecta</i> )						
0.01	b	17	checkerbloom	<i>Sidalcea malviflora</i> ssp. <i>sparsifolia</i>	50 / 9	25			
0.01	r	18	dwarf lupine	<i>Lupinus bicolor</i>	10 / 3	29			
0.02	r	19	purple clarkia	<i>Clarkia purpurea</i> ssp. <i>quadrivulnera</i>	99 / 9	26			
0.02	r	20	*Australian brome	<i>Bromus arenarius</i>	99 / 9	3			
0.02	b	21	Pomona locoweed	<i>Astragalus pomonensis</i>	20 / 9	11			
0.02	r	22	*red brome	<i>Bromus madritensis</i> ssp. <i>rubens</i>	/	53			
0.02	r	23	San Diego birdsfoot lotus	<i>Lotus hamatus</i>	/	24			
0.03	l		(horseweed, <i>Conyza canadensis</i> )						

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0.40	l	54	*common chickweed	<i>Stellaria media</i>	20 / 1	25	0.03	r	24	Indian milkweed	<i>Asclepias eriocarpa</i>	30 / 9	18
0.40	l	55	*hedge parsley	<i>Torilis nodosa</i>	10 / 1	14	0.04	l		(telegraph weed, <i>Heterotheca grandiflora</i> )			
0.40	l	56	coast live oak	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i> var. <i>agrifolia</i>	1 / 1	43	0.04	b	25	*prickly sow thistle	<i>Sonchus asper</i> ssp. <i>asper</i>	2 / 2	30
0.42	l		Bench with back				0.05	r	26	common bedstraw	<i>Galium aparine</i>	/	41
0.43	l	57	silver puffs	<i>Uropappus lindleyi</i>	1 / 1	26	0.05	r	27	southern miner's lettuce	<i>Claytonia perfoliata</i> ssp. <i>mexicana</i>	99 / 9	25
0.44	l	58	blue wildrye	<i>Elymus glaucus</i> ssp. <i>glaucus</i>	3 / 1	21	0.07	b	28	*prickly lettuce	<i>Lactuca serriola</i>	99 / 9	42
0.44	l		(California peony, <i>Paeonia californica</i> )				0.07	b	29	graceful tarplant	<i>Holocarpha virgata</i> ssp. <i>elongata</i>	99 / 9	14
0.46	b	59	*tocalote	<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>	5 / 1	45	0.08	r	30	*smooth cat's ear	<i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>	99 / 9	35
0.46	r		(bird's-foot fern, <i>Pellaea mucronata</i> var. <i>mucronata</i> )				0.09	b	31	western ragweed	<i>Ambrosia psilostachya</i>	10 / 1	37
0.46	r	60	leafy daisy	<i>Erigeron foliosus</i> var. <i>foliosus</i>	1 / 1	44	0.09	r	32	*sow thistle	<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	/	42
0.46	b	61	blue dicks	<i>Dichelostemma capitatum</i> ssp. <i>capitatum</i>	/	46	0.10	r	33	*nit grass	<i>Gastridium ventricosum</i>	/	25
0.47	r	62	branching phacelia	<i>Phacelia ramosissima</i> var. <i>latifolia</i>	2 / 2	34	0.10	r	34	toad rush	<i>Juncus bufonius</i> var. <i>bufonius</i>	10 / 1	14
0.47	l	63	goldenrod	<i>Solidago californica</i>	5 / 1	35	0.10	r	35	clustered toad rush	<i>Juncus bufonius</i> var. <i>congestus</i>	10 / 1	7
0.47	r		Bench with back; view of small waterfall in season in drainage straight ahead				0.10	r	36	*curly dock	<i>Rumex crispus</i>	1 / 1	23
0.48	r		(California bee plant, <i>Scrophularia californica</i> ssp. <i>floribunda</i> ; purple head, <i>Acourtia microcephala</i> ;				0.11	l	37	horseweed	<i>Conyza canadensis</i>	1 / 1	36

0.11	r	(poison oak, <i>Toxicodendron diversilobum</i> )								0.24	r	Jct. use connector trail to Motrero Trail					
0.12	r	38 miner's lettuce	<i>Claytonia perfoliata</i> <i>ssp. perfoliata</i>	/		22				0.24	r	(common lomatium, <i>Lomatium utriculatum</i> )					
0.13	r	(yellow salsify, <i>Tragopogon dubius</i> )								0.25	r	Jct. official connector trail to Motrero Trail; trail begins long curve to left					
0.15	r	nodding needlegrass	<a href="#"><u><i>Nassella cernua</i></u></a> <sup>±</sup>	/		17				0.26	l	(coast live oak, <i>Quercus agrifolia</i> var. <i>agrifolia</i> )					
0.16	r	(leafy daisy, <i>Erigeron foliosus</i> var. <i>foliosus</i> )								0.29	r	Bench with back, in memory of Ken Jacobs / Frank Gray, with a great quotation on it					
0.17	r	(Vertical slabs of rock; fragrant everlasting, <i>Gnaphalium canescens</i> ssp. <i>beneolens</i> ; California everlasting, <i>Gnaphalium californicum</i> )								0.29	r	46 California fuchsia	<i>Epilobium canum</i> ssp. <i>canum</i>	5 / 1		21	
0.19	l	39 sharp-toothed sanicle	<i>Sanicula arguta</i>	/		16				0.29	r	47 lanceleaf dudleya	<i>Dudleya lanceolata</i>	5 / 1		20	
0.19	l	40 *shortpod mustard	<i>Hirschfeldia incana</i>	20 / 5		51				0.29		Switchback left; near low point on trail, elevation 1840 feet (561 m)					
0.20	r	41 purple needlegrass	<i>Nassella pulchra</i>	/		20				0.33	r	48 purple sanicle	<i>Sanicula bipinnatifida</i>	1 / 1		11	
0.21	b	42 Palmer's goldenbush	<i>Ericameria palmeri</i> var. <i>pachylepis</i>	10 / 3		10				0.33	r	49 *California burclover	<i>Medicago polymorpha</i>	5 / 1		40	
0.22	l	43 California-aster	<i>Lessingia filaginifolia</i> var. <i>filaginifolia</i>	20 / 7		51				0.33	r	50 *scarlet pimpernel	<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	5 / 1		33	
0.23	l	44 California squirreltail	<i>Elymus elymoides</i> ssp. <i>californicus</i>	/		9				0.33	l	51 *goldentop	<i>Lamarckia aurea</i>	5 / 1		22	
0.24	r	45 long-stemmed buckwheat	<i>Eriogonum elongatum</i> var. <i>elongatum</i>	20 / 3		28				0.35		Cross dike made of what looks like melted Bedford Canyon formation					
0.24	r	(California fuchsia, <i>Epilobium canum</i> ssp. <i>canum</i> )								0.36	l	52 sp strigose lotus?	<i>Lotus strigosus?</i>	/			
										0.39	l	53 *wild oats	<i>Avena fatua</i>	5 / 1		26	