

WILDFLOWERS MARCH 2016

These are some assorted wildflower photos which didn't fit into the other reports from this March 2016 trip. We had unfortunately missed the peak of the "2016 Superbloom," but we were lucky enough to still see many nice wildflowers. In fact, the flowers we saw were generally bigger than I'd ever seen before, and we saw many types that I had previously never encountered.

Looking south down the Panamint Valley from the Ballarat Viewpoint on our drive in to the park; the southern Panamint Valley is an area which I have been hoping to explore for many years but haven't gotten to it yet:



Notch-Leaf Phacelia near the parking area for Jayhawker Canyon:



Another Notch-Leaf Phacelia (these are very photogenic flowers!):



Looking over towards the Tucki Summit and the Telephone Canyon area from here:



Looking across the road from here; there were numerous yellow wildflowers in this area (I think most were Golden Evening Primrose), although the quantity is difficult to see in this photo:



View across towards the Ten Canyons region and Cottonwood Benchmark (highest point in the front ridge, at the center of this photo) on the drive down to Stovepipe Wells:



From here, we drove up the Daylight Pass Road to look for wildflowers; the hills near the high point of the road were covered with greenery and some random patches of wildflowers:



Looking across towards Nevada from Daylight Pass:



The most prevalent flower in this area at this time seemed to be the Golden Evening Primrose:



This is Desert Chickory (I don't recall ever seeing this blooming on a previous trip):



More Desert Chickory, and a Notch-Leaf Phacelia:



The purple flowers are Fremont Phacelia; I think the yellow flowers on the left are Lesser Mojavea (also called Golden Desert Snapdragon), and the ones on the right are Golden Evening Primrose:



More Fremont Phacelia:



There were many of these Golden Evening Primrose near the turnoff to Monarch Canyon, as well as numerous more Notch-Leaf Phacelia:



A variety of wildflowers on the side of the road near the Death Valley Buttes, including Gravel Ghost, more Notch-Leaf Phacelia, and Desert Pincushion:



There were a few of these caterpillars in this area as well:



Panorama of the Death Valley Buttes:



More wildflowers:



The Gravel Ghost flowers were incredibly tall this year:



Golden Desert Snapdragon (left) and Notch-Leaf Phacelia (right):



More Notch-Leaf Phacelia; these seemed to be both the most prevalent and the most photogenic flowers in this area:



Another caterpillar:



Looking towards the Mesquite Dunes from here, in the fading light:



The remaining photos were taken later in the trip. Sunrise looking towards the Mesquite Dunes from Stovepipe Wells:



This is a blooming Beavertail Cactus:



The Bigelow Monkeyflower were quite tall this year:



There were lots of Desert Five-Spot:



Notch-Leaf Phacelia was everywhere:



We saw more caterpillars than we had seen for many years:



I think this one is called Purplemat:



This is probably a different kind of Phacelia:



Rock Daisy:



More blooming Beavertail Cacti:



Brittlebush:



We also stopped at Zabriskie Point, which we hadn't visited since the recent closure to improve the viewing area:



Looking towards Manly Beacon and the Red Cathedral:



Four photos of what is left of the "Desert Gold Superbloom" near the Funeral Mountains:

