April Hite Cove Wildflowers –
presented in the form of a puzzle, for children and adults
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31. I don’t always have the maroon bull’s-eye; but when I do, you can’t miss!

32. I grow in masses in damp, shady places. My foliage may stick to your clothes.

33. I’ll climb up anything I can get my tendrils on. Come to think of it, I don’t have tendrils. How do I do it?

34. I’m the only Hite Cove lupine that is a woody shrub. I do well in drought years thanks to my deep roots.

35. Even though I’m crimson red, they put me in the “Pink” family. Go figure.

36. I can out-climb #33. You’ll find me popping up in all kinds of places.

37. My orange flowers and deep green leaves bring out the pea-shooting paparazzi… but I don’t mind.

38. Usually a major April wildflower, I am struggling this year on account of the drought, along with other annuals.

39. You won’t have to work hard to find me – my bright flowers are as big as a quarter.

All of the flowers in this puzzle were photographed on April 15, 2021. Numbering picks up where the March puzzle left off. See February puzzle for a map with color codes to red-yellow-orange-blue trail sections. An answer key will accompany the next Newsletter.
40. I bloom every year at an exposed location on the red trail – roughly half a mile from the trailhead. Mr. K tells me that I’m his favorite HC wildflower.

41. All flowers in my family have 4 petals. My petals form a tube. You can follow me from HC to the Sierra Crest! (I grow as high as 14 kft.)

42. Please don’t pull me up by the roots. I’m not invasive! I’m a native plant that many insects depend on.

43. My flowers don’t last forever, but my leaves almost do. You will find my succulent leaves clinging to rocks even in winter.

44. My flowers are only 1 cm dia., but my leaves are as big as salad plates. I mainly grow in the orange trail section.

45. Fairies turn to us for help when their flashlight batteries die. Look for us in the red and orange trail sections.

46. To find me you will have to examine the damp north-facing cliffs along Hwy. 140. (Blue trail section on map.)

47. I grow mainly in the orange trail section. My leaves have teeth only on the upper half margin. My eccentric fruit belie my modest flowers.

48. I am in the same family as 41. I grow in modest numbers in the red trail section. My flowers are orange at HC, but they can be yellow elsewhere.
49. In wet years, my pagoda-style flowers cover hillsides. I am struggling this year for lack of rain.

50. Like dandelions, my flower heads consist only of ray flowers. We both produce fluffy spherical seed heads, but mine are much larger.

51. My lavender rays, yellow disk flowers, and narrow leaves make me one of the easier daisies to identify.

52. Thoreau referred to a member of my genus a “flaming leaf.” Like Bougainvillea and Dogwood, most of my color comes from bracts (modified leaves) that surround my small flowers. Inset shows the corolla of one of my flowers (with bracts and calyx removed). A sister plant looks almost identical, except that the corolla is densely hairy.

53. As a conspicuously flowering tree, I win the hearts of many wildflower lovers. My specific epithet derives from the fact that my cream-colored flowers have two petals each. I am abundant in the orange trail section and occasional in the red section. My bloom window is short; you need to time it just right.