

Southwest Louisiana Wildflowers

When you take the road less traveled through the Creole Nature Trail All-American Road, *Louisiana's Outback*™, you are in for a beautiful and interesting drive. With the great variety of habitats along the trail, an extensive array of plant life exists in the area. As with most flowering plants, spring will be your most colorful season; but with our sub-tropical climate, you can expect a beautiful view the majority of the year.

See the images below for identification of some of the more prominent wildflowers you are likely to encounter in Southwest Louisiana.

Roadsides Throughout the Area



Golden Rod



Beeblossom



Thistle



Evening Primrose



Swamp Sunflower



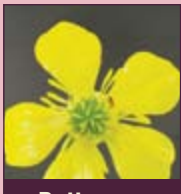
Asters
(native & some naturalized species)



Indian Blanket



Mexican Primrose



Buttercup
(naturalized)

NOTE: Plants are native to this area unless otherwise specified. Naturalized wildflowers are those introduced which now commonly occur in this area.

Marsh (Along roadsides in marshy habitats)



Swamp Lily



Iris



Canna Lily
(native & some naturalized species)



Spider Lily



Pickerel Weed



White Topped Sedge



Water Hyacinth
(naturalized – invasive)



Woolly Rose Mallow



Water Lily



Blue Waterleaf



American Lotus

Beach and Chenier Ridges in Brackish to Salt Marsh



Sea Ox-Eye



Prickly Pear Cactus



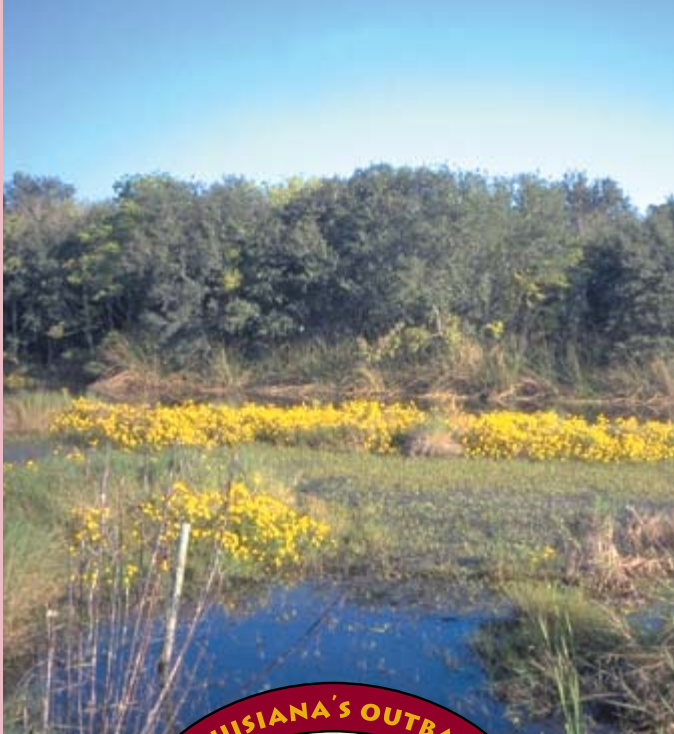
Catchfly Gentian



Sea Purslane



Beach Morning Glory



For more information about outdoor experiences along the Creole Nature Trail All-American Road—such as birding, fishing, crabbing and wildlife viewing—visit CreoleNatureTrail.org.

Go to iTunes App Store or Android Market and search “Creole” to download the FREE Creole Nature Trail app for your smartphone or tablet, available in multiple languages.



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Prairies



Best Places for Viewing

- Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge's Pintail Drive
- Sabine National Wildlife Refuge's Wetland Walkway
- Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge pool and access areas
- Gulf Coast Beaches
- Peveto Woods Bird & Butterfly Sanctuary
- Roadsides throughout the area

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