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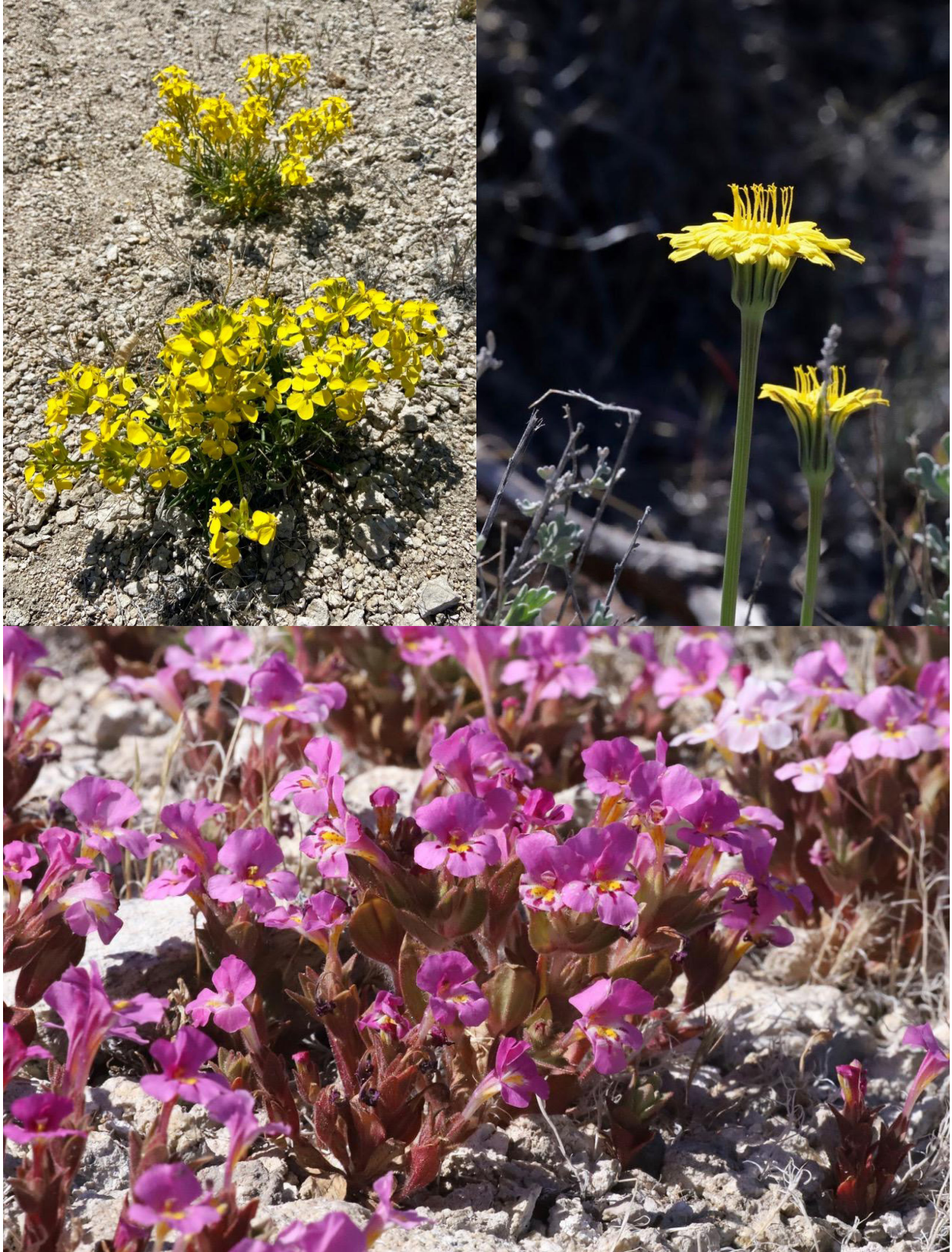
Eriogonum caepitosum

EARLY SPRING WILDFLOWERS AROUND RENO

*Story by Rose Strickland
Photography by Dennis Ghiglieri*

Despite what is becoming an historic drought in Reno and most other places in northern Nevada's Great Basin Desert, bulbs and fruit trees bloomed in gardens all over the city this spring. Wildflower aficionados are wondering if there will be any wildflowers on display in the desert this year. To answer that question, we made several visits to some wildflower hotspots: Steamboat Hot Springs to the south, Red Hill to the north, and Peavine Mountain west of Reno.

To our delight, we found some early, but hardy, blooming wildflowers as well as many more plants which are budding out now. It appeared that by early May wildflowers could be found on Peavine Mountain above 7,000 feet. The Red Hill Eriogonums may be later, but the Steamboat buckwheats and monkey flowers are already starting to bloom. Enjoy some shots of these early bloomers.



Top left: *Erysimum capitatum* - wallflower **Top right:** *Agoseris*
Above: *Diplacus ovatus*, formerly *Mimulus ovatus* - Steamboat monkey flower



Top left: *Eremogone kingii* (*Arenaria*) **Top right:** *Astragalus purshii* - woolypod milkvetch
Above left: *Eriogonum Ovalifolium* var. *williamsiae* - Steamboat buckwheat **Above right:** *Balsamorhiza Hookeri*



Top: *Balsamorhiza sagittata* - arrow-leaf balsam root

Above left: *Viola purpurea* var. *aurea* - golden violet **Above right:** *Astragalus andersonii*



Top left: *Prunus andersonii* - desert peach **Top right:** cushion phlox
Above: *Stenotus acaulis*



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VIRTUAL MEETINGS

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SAGEBRUSH IN PRISONS PROJECT JOB OPENING

The Sagebrush in Prisons Project has a part-time job opportunity in the Reno-Carson City area for an assistant to the Nevada program lead. The Sagebrush in Prisons Project is a national program run

by the Institute for Applied Ecology which aims to help restore Greater Sage Grouse habitat while engaging incarcerated adults in the propagation of sagebrush plugs and conservation and ecological education. This position will help provide support for the program at three correctional centers in northern Nevada and a Federal correctional institution in California. Tasks will include supply tracking and procurement, working with incarcerated adults, developing curricula, and communicating with prison staff.

This is extremely rewarding work as you not only get to help make a difference on the landscape, but also in people's lives!

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