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California Poppy *Eschscholzia californica*



Fast Facts:

- The California poppy is our state flower!
- Flowers are solitary growing on long, green stems
 - four petals per flower, each petal is 1-2 inches long
 - petals close at night and may remain closed during the day if it is cloudy!
 - color ranges through yellow, orange and red
 - flowering generally occurs from February to September
- Fruit is a slender capsule which splits to release numerous small black or dark brown seeds
- It grows in grassy, open areas at elevations from sea level up to 6,500 feet.



Pollinator Power:

DID YOU KNOW:

Insects pollinate flowers because they are attracted to their smell!

Common pollinators include:

- bumble bees
- sweat bees
- mining bees
- European honey bees



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