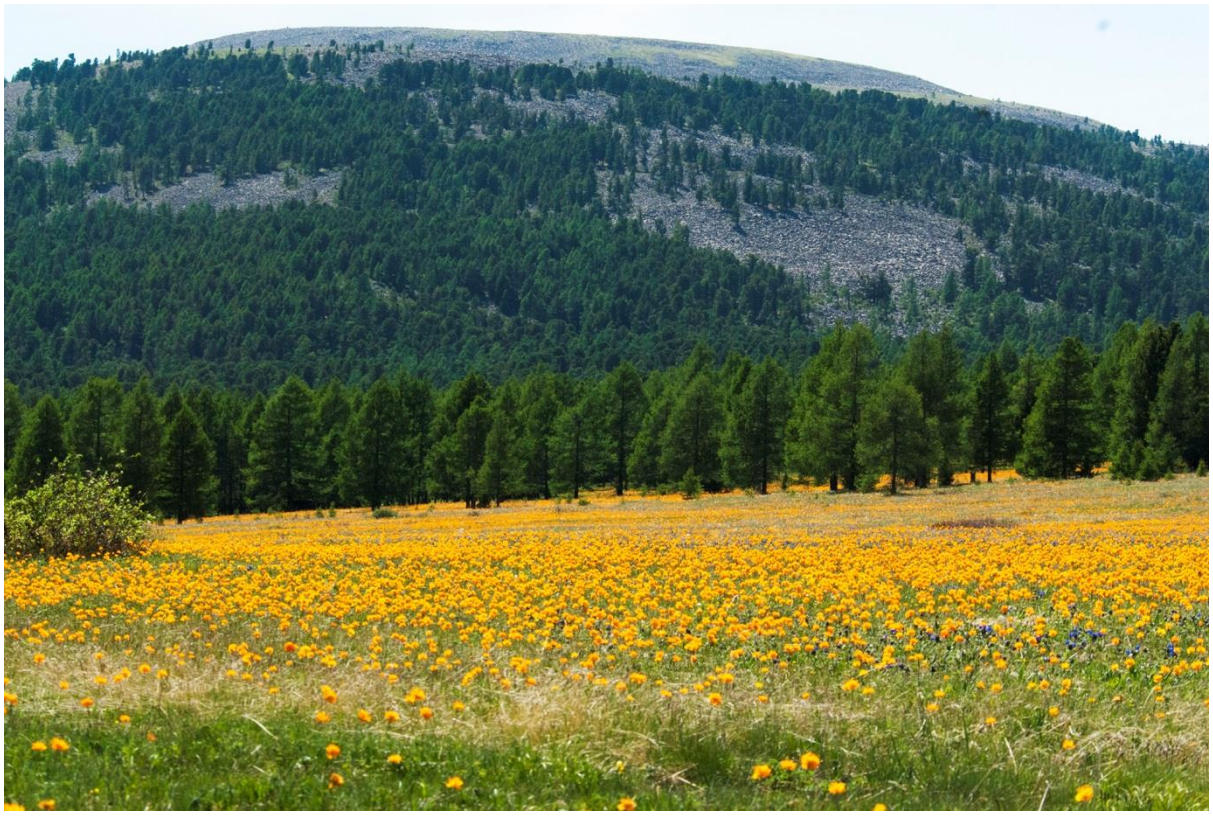
MONGOLIA WILDFLOWER TRIP



This botanical tour is dedicated to anyone who loves beautiful flowers in the wilderness. We start our travel watching plants that adapted to Siberian taiga forest and across Mongolian steppes and mountain steppes, reach High Mountains in the Gobi Desert and visit saxaul forest. At meantime, you will also enjoy Mongolian nomadic lifestyle which existed for a long time in the part of the world. There are more than 900 medicinal plants in Mongolia, which have been used for centuries.

Take this opportunity and make you dreams come true seeing wonderful wildflowers including Asian Globeflower *Trollius asiaticus*, Siberian Columbine *Aquilegia sibirica,* Rhododendron *Rhododendron dahuricum*, Cowberry *Vaccinum vitisidea,* Pink wintergreen *Pyrola incarnata,* Twinflower *Linnaea borealis*, Anemone *Anemone crinite,* Bellflower *Campanula turczaninovii,* Asian Yarrow *Achillea asiatica*, Jacob's Ladder *Polemonium racemosum,* Great burnet *Sanguisorba officinalis*, Edelweiss *Leontopodium ochroleucum*, Himalayan Stellera *Stellera chamaejasme,* Dwarf Statice *Goniolimon speciosum,* Root seeds *Leuzea uniflora,* Globethistle *Echinops latifolius,* Pink *Dianthus versicolor,* Scabious *Scabiosa comosa,* Chamaerhodos *Chamaerhodos altaica*, Edelweiss *Leontopodium ochroleucum,* Cymbaria *Cymbaria dahurica,* Juniper *Juniperus sabina*, Galitzkya *Galitzkya macrocarpa*, Mongolian leek/onion *Allium mongolicum*, Calligonum *Calligonum mongolicum,* Saxaul Tree *Haloxylon ammodendron,* Siberian nitrebush *Nitraria sibirica*, Rhubarb *Rheum nanum,* Agriophyllum *Agrophyllium pungens*, *Cynomorium songaricum, Cistanche deserticola,* Sea lavender *Limonium aureum*.

Tour highlights:

- Wonderful wild flowers that adapted in different types of habitats
- Stunning sceneries of Siberian boreal forest (taiga), Mongolian steppes, Gobi Altai High Mountains, and Mongolian Gobi Deserts
- Mongolian nomadic lifestyle in different parts of the country

- Expert guide – professional botanist
- Horse or camel riding experience
- Mongolia wildlife watching and photography: Przewalski's Wild Horse, Siberian Ibex, Mongolian Marmot, Goitered Gazelle and Argali Wild Sheep

Flexibility: The date is set in the best time in which most of the early bloomers are not withered yet and also many late flowers started blooming. But you think this is not perfect time for your target species, you can tailor make this tour according to your wish.

Tour code: MWFT

Price per person: 2300 US$ **Deposit:** 690 US$

Date: 20 Jun – 02 Jul, 2016; (13 days) **Group size:** 4 -13 persons

The price **includes** all transport within Mongolia, all accommodations in Ulaanbaatar and field, family visits with different livestock herds, transport in the country and terminal transfer, all transportations by 4WD, including petrol, full board per day, English speaking guide, meals (Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner) and bottled water each day, camel and horse trek, organize city tour and shopping, entrance fees to all National Parks, museums, monasteries and cultural events, most camping equipment (tent, kitchen, cooking equipment, cook etc.), road taxes, some expenses with nomadic families, visa support invitation letter if necessary.

The price **excludes** International transportation, all types of insurance, visas, departure tax, alcoholic drinks and items of personal nature, binoculars, telescopes and tripods, sleeping bags, extra luggage, optional tours.

Note:

We cannot warranty: Occasional flight delays or cancellations, poor roads conditions, items of personal nature, adverse weather conditions, any personal injure.

DATE	WILDLIFE SITES
DAY 1-2.	TERELJ NP (Siberian Taiga/Boreal Forest)
DAY 3.	HERLEN RIVER VALLEY (Grassland)
DAY 4.	BOGD MOUNTAIN (Turgen Valley - Forest steppe)
DAY 5-6.	HUSTAI NP - ULAANBAATAR
DAY 7-8.	YOLYN AM (Gobi-Altai high mountain)
DAY 9-11.	BAYANZAG - DALANZADGAD (Gobi Desert)
Day 12.	ULAANBAATAR CITY
DAY 13.	DEPARTURE

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TOUR ITINERARY



Asian Globeflower *Trollius asiaticus*



Edelweiss *Leontopodium ochroleucum*



Globethistle *Echinops latifolius*

DAY 1-2. TERELJ NP (Siberian Taiga/Boreal Forest)
Our crew will pick you up at the Chinggis Khaan International airport after your arrival in Ulaanbaatar which is the capital of Mongolia and check in a hotel. And then we will drive straight to the Terelj national park which has stunning landscapes of typical Siberian boreal forest. Immediately after arrival, we will check in a tourist ger camp and we will dine together. And we will start watching the wild flowers. The beautiful flowers in the park will be **Asian Globeflower** *Trollius asiaticus* (This wonderful bright colored flower is a target species to see and photograph in early morning during the trip), **Siberian Columbine** *Aquilegia sibirica* (Typical forest flower and used for decoration), **Rhododendron** *Rhododendron dahuricum* (This fragrant plant is both medicinal and ornamental), **Cowberry** *Vaccinum vitisidea* (Typical plant in Siberian taiga forest. Medicinal and edible. The berry is used for drinks), **Pink wintergreen** *Pyrola incarnata* (This typical plant in Siberian taiga is used for medicine and ornament), **Twinflower** *Linnaea borealis* (Grows in the depths of the Siberian taiga forest), **Anemone** *Anemone crinite* (Grows in forest and is ornamental), **Bellflower** *Campanula turczaninovii* (Grows in the depths of the forest and is ornamental), **Asian Yarrow** *Achillea asiatica* (Grows both in the depths and edge of the forest. Has beautiful flower and is ornamental), **Jacob's Ladder** *Polemonium racemosum* (Occurs both in the depths and edge of the forest. Beautiful flower is ornamental), **Great burnet** *Sanguisorba officinalis* (Commonly occurs in forest and forest steppe habitats. Medicinal and ornamental), **Edelweiss** *Leontopodium ochroleucum* (symbol of everlasting life), **Himalayan Stellera** *Stellera chamaejasme* (medicinal and ornamental). Overnight in a tourist ger camp. **Food:** Tourist Ger Camp – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner. **Road:** Total coverage 60 km on paved road (1-2 hours' drive).

DAY 3. HERLEN RIVER VALLEY (Grassland)
After breakfast we will drive to the east of the tourist ger camp to get steppe in Herlen river valley, where you will find many wonderful flowers including **Dwarf Statice** *Goniolimon speciosum,* **Root seeds** *Leuzea uniflora,* **Globethistle** *Echinops latifolius* (Common plants in steppe and forest steppe habitats and are ornamental), **Pink** *Dianthus versicolor* (Traditionally used for medicine in Mongolia and is ornamental), **Scabious** *Scabiosa comosa,* (Mongolian national flower of pride and is common in forest steppe and steppe habitats. Ornamental), **Chamaerhodos** *Chamaerhodos altaica* (Common in mountain steppe and is medicinal and ornamental), **Almond** *Amygdalus pedunculata* (Typical in mountain steppe

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Pink *Dianthus versicolor*



Scabious *Scabiosa comosa*



Thyme *Thymus gobicus*



Lily *Lilium pumilum*

and blooms in early spring. Both ornamental and medicinal), **Silver Speedwell** *Veronica incana* (Typical in steppe and mountain steppe. Ornamental and medicinal), **Cymbaria** *Cymbaria dahurica* (Typical in Mongolian steppes and has wonderful flowers and is ornamental), **Mongolian Caryopteris** *Caryopteris mongolica* (Medicinal and ornamental plant found on hills in the semi-desert zone), **Thyme** *Thymus gobicus* (Fragrant. Ornamental and medicinal and is commonly found in mountain steppe), **Haplophyllum** *Haplophyllum dahuricum* (Common in steppes and semi deserts and is ornamental), **Edelweiss** *Leontopodium ochroleucum,* **Great burnet** *Sanguisorba officinalis.* Overnight in a tourist ger camp. **Food:** Restaurant – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner. **Road:** 100 km on paved road and 10 km on dust road. 2-3 hours' drive.

DAY 4. BOGD MOUNTAIN (MOUNTAIN STEPPE) **- ULAANBAATAR**

After breakfast, we will drive to the west of the ger camp to get Bogd mountain, which is located in the south of Ulaanbaatar city. The wonderful flowers in the mountain are: ***Trollius asiaticus***, ***Thalictrum petaloideum*** (ornamental and is common in steppe and forest steppe), **Scabious** *Scabiosa comosa*, **Japanese catnip** *Schizonepeta multifida* (Medicinal and ornamental, and is common in steppe and forest steppe), **Cranesbill** *Geranium pratense* (Medicinal and ornamental, and occurs in the edge of the forest and meadow), **Alpine aster** *Aster alpinus* (ornamental), **Lily** *Lilium pumilum* (Medicinal, ornamental and edible), **Larkspur** *Delphinium grandiflorum* (ornamental), **Clustered Bellflower** *Campanula glomerata* (ornamental), **Gentian** *Gentiana decumbens* (medicinal and ornamental), **Ladybells** *Adenophora stenanthina* (ornamental), **Jerusalem sage** *Phlomis tuberose* (medicinal and ornamental), **Edelweiss** *Leontopodium ochroleucum,* **Great burnet** *Sanguisorba officinalis*, **Pink** *Dianthus versicolor,* **Thyme** *Thymus gobicus*. Overnight in a hotel. **Food:** Local Restaurant - Breakfast, Dinner; Packed - Lunch; **Road:** Total coverage 120 km on dust road (2 - 3 hours' drive).

DAY 5-6. HUSTAI NP - ULAANBAATAR

After breakfast we will drive to Hustai national park where we will find mountain steppe and steppe plants including **Chamaerhodos** *Chamaerhodos altaica*, **Almond** *Amygdalus pedunculata*, **Silver Speedwell** *Veronica incana,* **Edelweiss** *Leontopodium ochroleucum,* **Great burnet** *Sanguisorba officinalis,* **Pink** *Dianthus versicolor,* **Thyme** *Thymus gobicus*, Scabious *Scabiosa comosa,* **Cranesbill** *Geranium pratense,* **Alpine aster** *Aster alpinus,* **Lily** *Lilium pumilum,* **Larkspur** *Delphinium grandiflorum,* **Gentian** *Gentiana decumbens,* **Ladybells**

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Alpine aster *Aster alpinus*



Columbine *Aquilega viridiflora*



Mongolian leek *Allium mongolicum*



Saxaul *Haloxylon ammodendron*

Adenophora stenanthina. In the afternoon of 5th day, we will drive back to Ulaanbaatar city. Overnight in a tourist ger camp on day 4 and overnight in a hotel on day 5. **Food:** Local restaurant- Breakfast, Dinner; Lunch. **Road:** Total coverage 90 km on paved road.

DAY 7-8. YOLYN AM (Gobi-Altai high mountain)
Flight to Dalanzadgad and transfer to Yolyn Am where we will find **Juniper** *Juniperus sabina* (Traditionally used for religious reasons for its lovely fragrance), **Cinquefoils** *Potentilla ikonikovii*, **Galitzkya** *Galitzkya macrocarpa* (sub-endemic for Mongolia), **Papaver** *Papaver saichanense,* **Polygala** *Polygala tenuifolia,* **Euphorbia** *Euphorbia kozlovi,* **Orostachys** *Orostachys spinosa* (succulent plant resides in Mongolian Gobi Desert. Stay green under snow during winters. Orostachys are a group of rosette forming plants consisting of thirteen species in the genus), **Grossularia** *Grossularia acicularis* (high rocky mountain species), **Columbine** *Aquilega viridiflora.* Overnight in a tourist ger camp. **Food:** Tourist ger camp – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner. **Road:** Total coverage 50 km on paved road (1 hour' flight and 30 minutes' drive).

DAY 9-11. BAYANZAG - DALANZADGAD (Gobi Desert)
In Bayanzag, we will find Gobi Desert plants including **Saxaul** *Haloxylon ammodendron* (Saxaul is the only tree that forms forest in Mongolian Gobi Deserts and blocks the sand shifts), **Mongolian leek/onion** *Allium mongolicum* (Leek is traditionally used for treatment, food, and main fodder for livestock. In autumn, the meat of livestock, which ate this nutritious plants, considered to have a good taste), **Calligonum** *Calligonum mongolicum* (Endemic to Central Asian deserts. Strengthens soil), **Siberian nitrebush** *Nitraria sibirica* (Medicinal and food source. The fruit is used to make drinks including juice, wine, vodka), **Agriophyllum** *Agrophyllium pungens* (Occurs in saxaul forest and sandy soil of deserts. Has food and medicinal importance. The grain is used to produce flour), **Rhubarb** *Rheum nanum* (Has food, fodder, medicinal, and ornamental importance and is a true Gobi Desert plant. Main forage for Gobi Bear and other wildlife), ***Cynomorium songaricum*** (Parasitic to roots of Siberian nitrebrush), ***Cistanche deserticola*** (Parasitic to roots of saxaul. Assessed as Vulnerable in Mongolian red list of plants), **Sea lavender** *Limonium aureum* (Desert plant and ornamental). On day 11, we will drive to Dalanzadgad town for tomorrow's flight back Ulaanbaatar city. Overnight in a tourist ger camp. **Food:** Tourist ger camp – Breakfast, Lunch; Dinner. **Road:** Total coverage 70 km on dust road.

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Saxaul forest

DAY 12. ULAANBAATAR CITY

Arrival in the city from Gobi Desert. Shopping and city tour is possible in the city. Overnight in a local hotel. **Food:** Local Restaurant – Breakfast, Lunch and Farewell Dinner. **Road:** 1 hour' flight.

DAY 13. DEPARTURE

A transfer to Chinggis Khaan International Airport will be the end of our services in Mongolia.

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CHECKLIST

Your local host organization will be the Mongolica Co. Ltd and Mongolian Ornithological Society. Throughout this tour, we will be assisting them to collect information about the birds of this poorly known country, which will update the Mongolian National Plant Database run by National University of Mongolia.

EARLY SPRING (May 15 – June 15)

Plant name			Early spring		Notes
Latin name	Mongolian name	English name	5.15	6.15	
Anemone silvestris L.	Ойн Яргуйжин	Windflower	+	+	
Pulsatilla ambigua (Turcz. Juz.)	Хонхонхөх Яргуй	Pasque flower	+		
Pulsatilla flavescens (Zucc.) Juz.	Шар Яргуй	Pasque flower	+		
Amygdalus pedunculata Pall.	Хонин Буйлс	Crab apple	+		
Potentilla acaulis L.	Навтуул Гичгэнэ	Cinquefoil	+		
Iris flavissima Pall.	Шар Цахилдаг	Iris	+	+	
Astragalus brevifolius Ldb.	Шүдэнцагаандуу Хунчир	Milk-vetch	+	+	
Caragana pygmaea (L.) DC.	Ямаан Харгана	Caragana	+	+	
Convolvulus ammanii Desr.	Борэлгэнэ Сэдэргэнэ	Bindweed	+	+	

EARLY SUMMER (June 15 – July 01)

Plant name			Early summer		Notes
Latin	Mongolian	English	6.15	7.1	
Chelidonium Mojus L.	Их Шүүдэргэнэ	Celandine	+		
Papaver nudicaule L.	Нүцгэн Намуу	Poppy	+		
Anemone silvestris L.	Ойн Яргуйжин	Windflower	+		
Thalictrum petaloideum L.	Цөс Буржгар	Meadow rue	+		
Ranunculus japonicus Thunb.	Япон Холтсонцэцэг	Buttercup	+	+	
Aconitum barbatum Pers.	Шар Хорс	Monkshood	+		
Potentilla bifurca L.	Бамбар Гичгэнэ	Cinquefoil	+	+	
Potentilla sericea L.	Хатаалзай Гичгэнэ	Cinquefoil	+	+	
Patrinia rupestris (Pall.) Dufr.	Хадны Сэрхлиг	Patrinia	+	+	
Bupleurum bicaule Helm.	Алтан Бэриш	Thoroughwax	+	+	
Leontopodium leontopodiodes(Willd.) Beauvd.	Цагаантүрүү Уулөвс	Edelweiss	+	+	

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Leontopodium ochroleucum Beauvd.	Шаргал Уулөвс	Edelweiss	+	+
Leuzea uniflora (L). Holub	Буганзуулт Хонголзуур	Root seeds	+	+
Serratula centauroides L.	Хонгорзул Хонгорзалаа	Serratula	+	+
Taraxacum mongolicum Hand-Mazz.	Монгол Багваахай	Dandelion	+	+
Iris flavissima Pall.	Шар Цахилдаг	Iris	+	
Astragalus mongholicus Bge.	Монгол Хунчир	Milk-vetch	+	+
Astragalus brevifolius Ldb.	Шүдэнцагаандуу Хунчир	Milk-vetch	+	
Caragana microphylla (Pall.) Lam.	Үхэр Харгана	Caragana	+	+
Caragana pygmaea (L.) DC.	Ямаан Харгана	Caragana	+	
Medicago falcata L.	Шар Царгас	Alfalfa	+	
Thermopsis lanceolata Czefr.	Хонголон Тарваганшийр	False lupine	+	+
Cymbaria dahurica L.	Шар Хаданцэцэг	Cymbaria	+	+
Linaria acutiloba Fisch. ex Reihcb.	Хонин Зашлуушгана	Money plant Toadflax	+	+
Dontostemon integrifolius (L.) C.A. Mey.	Бүтэннавчит Багдай	Dentastamen	+	+
Ptilotrichum canescens C.A. Mey.	Цагаан Янгиц	Ptilotrichum	+	
Arenaria capillaris Poir.	Хурданцагаан Дэвхэргэнэ	Sandwort	+	+
Convolvulus ammanii Desr.	Борэлгэнэ Сэдэргэнэ	Bindweed	+	
Convolvulus arvensis L.	Чөдөр Сэдэргэнэ	Bindweed	+	
Spiraea aquilegifolia Pall.	Явган Тавилгана	Spiraea	+	
Spiraea media F. Schimidt.	Хадны Тавилгана	Spiraea	+	
Stellera chamaejasme L.	Чонын хөлбөдөс Далантүрүү	Stellera	+	
Allium schoenoprasum L.	Хүмхээл Сонгино	Onion	+	+
Lilium pumilum DC.	Цагаантөмст Сарна	Lily	+	
Ephedra monosperma G.G.Gmel.ex C.A. Mey.	Ямаан Зээргэнэ	Ephedra	+	
Ephedra sinica Stapt.	Хонин Зээргэнэ	Ephedra	+	
Geranium pratense L.	Нугын шимтэглэй, Мягмансанжаа	Geranium		+

LATE SUMMER (July 05 – August 10)

Plant name			Late summer		Notes
Latin	Mongolian	English	7.5	8.10	
Sedum aizoon L.	Үлдэн Могойнидээ	Stonecrop	+		
Sedum purpureum (L.) Schult.	Улбалзуур Могойнидээ	Stonecrop	+	+	
Scabiosa comosa Fisch.	Цомцогт Бэрцэцэг	Scabious	+		

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Delphinium grandiflorum L.	Бэрцэцэг Гэзгэнэ	Larkspur	+	
Ranunculus japonicus Thunb.	Япон Холтсонцэцэг	Buttercup	+	
Dasiphora fruticosa (L.) Rydb.	Буриагуул Боролзгоно	Cinquefoil	+	
Potentilla bifurca L.	Бамбар Гичгэнэ	Cinquefoil	+	
Potentilla sericea L.	Хатаалзай Гичгэнэ	Cinquefoil	+	
Patrinia rupestris (Pall.) Dufr.	Хадны Сэрхлиг	Patrinia	+	
Valeriana officinalis L.	Эмийн Бамбай	Valerian	+	
Bupleurum bicaule Helm.	Алтан Бэриш	Thoroughwax	+	
Achillea asiatica Serg.	Азийн Төлгөч	Yarrow	+	
Chrysenthemum zawadskii Herb.	Завадскийн Удвал	Tansy	+	+
Inula britannica L.	Ману Зоосонцэцэг / Алтандусал	Elecampane	+	+
Leontopodium leontopodiodes (Willd.) Beauvd.	Цагаантүрүү Уулөвс	Edelweiss	+	
Leontopodium ochroleucum Beauvd.	Шаргал Уулөвс	Edelweiss	+	
Leuzea uniflora (L). Holub	Буганзуулт Хонголзуур	Root seeds	+	
Serratula centauroides L.	Хонгорзул Хонгорзалаа	Serratula	+	
Taraxacum mongolicum Hand- Mazz.	Монгол Багваахай	Dandelion	+	
Astragalus mongholicus Bge.	Монгол Хунчир	Milk-vetch	+	
Caragana microphylla (Pall.) Lam.	Үхэр Харгана	Caragana	+	
Thermopsis lanceolata Czefr.	Хонголон Тарваганшийр	False lupine	+	
Cymbaria dahurica L.	Шар Хаданцэцэг	Cymbaria	+	
Linaria acutiloba Fisch. ex Reihcb.	Хонин Зашлуушгана	Money plant Toadflax	+	
Dontostemon integrifolius (L.) C.A. Mey.	Бүтэннавчит Багдай	Dentastamen	+	
Arenaria capillaris Poir.	Хурданцагаан Дэвхэргэнэ	Sandwort	+	
Dianthus superbus L.	Согоосуман Башир	Pink	+	
Dianthus versicolor Fisch.	Бамра Башир	Pink	+	+
Polygonum viviparum L.	Төллүүр Тарна	Solomon' s seal	+	
Sanguisorba officinalis L.	Эмт Сөд	Burnett	+	+
Rosa acicularis Lindl.	Өргөст Сарнай	Rose	+	+
Parnassia palustris L.	Намгийн Дүндэггарав	Parnassus	+	
Hyoscyamus niger L.	Хар Лантанз	Henbane	+	
Allium altaicum Pall.	Уулын Сонгино	Onion	+	
Allium leucocephalum Turcz. ex Ldb.	Гогол Сонгино	Onion	+	
Allium odorum L.	Гогод Сонгино.	Onion	+	
Allium schoenoprasum L.	Хүмхээл Сонгино	Onion	+	
Chamaenerion angustifolium (L.) Scop.	Өргөннавчит Хөвөноройт	Fireweed	+	
Goniolimon speciosum (L.) Boiis.	Тэмээнхэл Юлт	Goniolimon	+	

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Limonium flexuosum (L.) Ktze.	Тахир Ягаанцэцэг	Statice	+
Gentiana macrophylla Pall.	Том навчит Дэгд	Gentian	+
Geranium pratense L.	Нугын шимтэглэй, Мягмансанжаа	Geranium	+

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