

Also: **Payson's beardtongue** (*Penstemon paysoniorum*) is perhaps the most common of the five state endemics present at Red Canyon – but has no illustration for reference!

This flyer does not include all Wyoming Plant Species of Concern, or begin to represent the diversity of plant life at Red Canyon!

¹ Illustrations are from the *Wyoming Rare Plant Field Guide*. 1994. By W. Fertig, C. Refsdal, and J. Whipple.

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RED CANYON RARE PLANT ROUND UP¹

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Five vascular plants thrive at Red Canyon Ranch that grow in Wyoming and nowhere else in the world, among our strongest line-ups of state endemics. If there were no Red Canyon, the Wyoming list of plants warranting protection under the Endangered Species might be longer! Some such as Barneby's Clover have their centers of existence here and are extensive and locally common. Others such as Fremont Bladderpod are at the fringes of their Wind River Range distribution. Spring is the best time to see all of them in flower, when they appear in early blazes of color to brighten the hills.



BARNEBY'S CLOVER

(*Trifolium barnebyi*)

A mat-like plant that grows out of sheer rock on crevices, ledges and benches. The Red Canyon population is larger than all others combined. (Illustration by Isobel Nichols)



BEAVER RIM PHLOX

(*Phlox pungens*)

Lights up the canyon with bright white clumps of flowers, growing at exposed rims and slopes. Its ground-hugging growth and glandular hairs confer water-saving adaptations. It grows above the Wind River Basin and in the Upper Green River Basin. (Illustration by Isobel Nichols)



FREMONT BLADDERPOD

(*Lesquerella fremontii*)

A member of the Mustard Family, the plant family with the most state endemics. It is a limestone loving plant concentrated at higher elevations, and only known from Fremont County, as the name implies. (Illustration by Isobel Nichols)



ROCKY MOUNTAIN TWINPOD

(*Physaria saximontana* var. *saximontana*)

Has tight clusters of leaves covered by a dense, felt-like covering of white branched hairs. It, too, is a member of the Mustard Family, growing at exposed rims and slopes. It is a foothills plant of mainly Fremont and Hot Springs counties. (Illustration by Robin Jones)

