

Common roadside flowering plants around Amani



Lantana camara Common name: Lantana

May be a noxious weed or invasive, this plant is attractive to bees, butterflies and/or birds, and the flowers are fragrant. The flowers change from yellow to pink depending on the amount of pollen is present inside the flower. Individual flowers measure ~0.5cm.



Sachytarpetta jamaicensis Common Name: Porterweed

Is commonly seen alongside roads in tropical climates. The leaf shape is blade elliptic to obovate, acute tip with acuminate base and its leaf margin is dentrate. It has an even pinnately compound formation. The stamen is 2 epipetalous sticking to its corolla. Individual flowers measure ~1cm.



Polygala albida

Is from the grass family. Individual flowers measure ~0.25cm.



Thunbergia alata Common name: Black-eyed Susan

Is a twining perennial vine. They are fast growers and bloom quickly from seed. They are native to tropical Africa. Individual flowers measure ~3.5cm.



Lobelia erinus

Flower colour ranges from blue, violet, pink or white and mostly with white markings in the centre. The flowering time of the species is between September and December. The preferable habitat is lower mountain slopes. Individual flowers measure ~0.75cm.



Ageratum conyzoides Common name: Billy Goat Weed

Is an annual herbaceous plant with a long history of traditional medicine in several countries of the world. In Africa, aqueous extract of this plant is known to be used as a bactericide. It has a lot of bioactivity with insecticidal and nematocidal activity. A valuable agricultural resource – native to North America. Individual flowers measure ~0.75cm



Bidens sp.

Is from the daisy family. Individual flowers measure ~5cm.



Labiatae sp.

Is from the mint family. Individual flowers measure ~0.5cm.



Hibiscus calyphyllus Common name:

Lemon Yellow Rosemallow

Is from South Africa has lemon yellow flowers with dark crimson centers. The flowers get to be 5-6" wide with the overall form reaching 5' tall. The foliage is soft & felty. Individual flowers measure ~7cm.



Impatiens Wallerana Common name: Busy

Lizzie/Touch-me-not

Are endemic to the Eastern Arc region. They come in many different colours, mostly whites, pinks and reds, and grow to a height of about 3 feet. The nectar spur produces and contains a sweet sugary solution that attracts certain animals to serve as pollinators. Moths and butterflies, with their elongated tube-like mouthparts, can reach the sweet nectar in the spur and are the primary pollinators. The Impatiens fruit is a capsule which, when mature, contains cells with a high internal pressure (turgor pressure) "explodes", shooting the seeds several feet from the parent plant. This insures good seed dispersal and lessens the chance of an overcrowded seedling population developing around the parent. Individual flowers measure ~4cm.