

FIGWORT FAMILY

Scrophulariaceae

Some of the showiest plants in the West belong to the figwort family. Many of the blossoms are tubular with five petals formed into two lips, like those of the monkey-flower and penstemon groups. Among the members of the family:

SEEP SPRING MONKEY-FLOWER

Mimulus guttatus

The stems of this bright annual may rise up to $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet. The corolla is yellow with purple or brown dots in the throat. The shape of the petals resembles a funny monkey-like face and gives the plant its common name. Monkey-flowers are abundant in moist rich soil along streams in the Sacramento region in April and May.

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