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Subject: Re: Colorado Wildflowers

Posted by [karo](#) on Mon, 20 Jul 2009 09:52:53 GMT

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Hi David, perhaps as an addition to your chicory posting:

In Germany it is called Wegwarte "waiting on your path" (relation to IDL?).

Perhaps it has something to do with Novalis' blue flower. On the poorest pieces of soil they are growing. And I feel myself always greeted by the Wegwarte!

Yanking these plants out by their roots is the only way to get it, otherwise you need tools to cut it.

Possibly the chicorï½e-coffee is known in the US too. It is prepared from their roots.

Regards and more pleasure

Karsten

Am 14.07.09 23:24 schrieb "David Fanning" unter <[news@dfanning.com](mailto:news@dfanning.com)> in  
MPG.24c6a566db48d5b989825@news.giganews.com:

> Folks,

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> This article probably has nothing whatsoever to do with

> IDL, but let's see. Sometimes the oddest things do, and

> I've been thinking about this all day long.

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> The past two days have been glorious. Cobalt blue

> skis and mountain peaks with the last vestiges of

> snow appearing closer to you in the clear air than

> they do at just about any other time of the year. We

> live in Colorado just to enjoy days like this. And,

> God knows, we have more than our fair share of them.

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> But the past two days, as I've driven into the outskirts

> of Boulder, I have been overwhelmed with beautiful blue

> flowers in the fields and along the roads. Some kind of

> beautification campaign by the Chamber of Commerce? No,

> just a rainy year and acres and acres of chicory flowering.

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> You can see a picture here:

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> [http://www.easterncoloradowildflowers.com/\\_c\\_3frame.htm](http://www.easterncoloradowildflowers.com/_c_3frame.htm)

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> Search for "chicory" on the page.

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> Chicory blooms in the morning, and then the flowers are  
> gone by about noon, with just a skeleton-looking plant  
> remaining by the time you have retrieved your plant book  
> and gone back to find out what this plant's name is. (I've  
> been taking native plant classes this past year, with an eye on  
> another career when IDL programming becomes completely point  
> and click.)  
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> Naturally, chicory is an invasive (and, in our state, noxious)  
> weed and not the beautiful, uplifting plant I imagine it to  
> be. We should be yanking these things out by their roots.  
> But I'm not. I'm enjoying them. They make me feel good and  
> hopeful and happy on the drive to work. I can't wait to see  
> them again tomorrow.  
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> OK, they are like IDL in this regard, I guess. I know there  
> are better flowers out there: orchids and columbines and fairy  
> slippers. But I like chicory. And I like IDL. Go figure.  
> Life's a mystery.  
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> Cheers,  
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> David

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