

## ... in July

By Morgan Cooper

Though Ramallah receives rainfall equivalent to or greater than that of London, we often think of our region as dry. Our rain comes in fierce downpours for a day or two during only half the year, and then we go through our long summer and autumn seasons. For that reason, our wildflowers are plentiful in the winter and spring and scarce in the summer and autumn. Though we find very few wildflowers at this time of the year, they are particularly wonderful because of their scarcity. I am especially fond of the caper bush, which you can find growing out of cracks in sidewalks and on rooftops. Every time I spot one in an unlikely place, I smile to myself and rejoice at nature's insistence on thriving even while humanity insists on destroying it. Look for these great blooms this month in Palestine.



*Alcea setosa*  
Bristly Hollyhock  
الخطمي الهليبي، خف الجمل



*Urtica urens*  
Stinging Nettle, Small Nettle  
القراص



*Daucus carota*  
Wild Carrot  
لذيقه، يربرزج، جزر بري



*Capparis spinosa*  
Capers  
كير



*Scolymus hispanicus*  
Spanish Golden-Thistle  
سنارية



*Ononis spinosa*  
Tall Spiny Rest-Harrow  
موقف الثور أو الحمار، شبيرج، شبيرق



*Dittrichia viscosa*  
False Yellowhead  
طيون ديق



*Verbascum sinuatum*  
Scallop-Leaved Mullen  
عمية، عرور



*Cichorium endivia*  
Dwarf Chicory  
الهندباء البرية



*Spartium junceum*  
Spanish Broom  
مكتسة، وزال، فندول