

**Wildflowers are Popping**  
**Weekend Musing by Carol King**  
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It's bluebonnet time in Texas again! Even though I have lived in Texas for 21 years, the profusion of the Spring flowers in the Hill Country never ceases to astonish me. I was raised in the desert of New Mexico where we celebrated even a sprinkling of flowers across the landscape.

This musing will be brief because I have been so involved in the marketing end of these book sales lately. I just wanted to share some of the photos we captured along the Willow City Loop above Fredericksburg today. If you want to see a wonderland of Texas wildflowers, try out this road! As I drive the Loop in the Spring, I have always felt like I've been transport-

ed to Oz, or Disneyland. The natural display of the granite formations and valleys, mixed with the abundance of flowers, creates a scene right out of fantasy land. You will find the Willow City Loop by heading north out of Fredericksburg on Highway 16 (also known as Llano Street). Bypass the first sign you see for Willow City Road and continue a little farther north until you see the turnoff to your right for Willow City. Drive into Willow City and you will easily spot the entrance to the Loop.

I also had to drive to Houston from San Antonio yesterday on IH 10 and was overwhelmed with the display of bluebonnets and Indian paint on both sides of the highway. If you can't make it to Fredericksburg, you might want to try IH 10 for some excellent wildflower viewing. Our Highway Department has done a dynamite job!

