Our intrepid guides Fidel (above) and Nilo were extremely knowledgeable in all things Peru, including flowers.
Ubiquitous yellow flowers found at many of the Inca and pre-Inca sites we visited (Pikillaqt'a)
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Grass, purple and yellow flowers fill the valley at Tipon
Flowers among the agave below the Inca gate and aqueduct Rumicolca
Glacial striations frame this flower (Sacsayhuaman)

Flowers in the clouds near the Inca quarry above Ollantaytambo
Flower along the Urubamba River

Flowers along the Patakancha River in Ollantaytambo, across the street from our hotel
Even the cacti were in bloom (Pikillaqta)
Flowers at Machu Picchu
Flowers hanging on the side of Wayna Picchu
Ornamental yucca at Machu Picchu
Since 1650 when, according to the believers, a statue of the “Cristo de la buena Suerte” stopped an earthquake that was shaking the city of Cusco, the locals now worship the statue of the “Taitacha Temblors”. The image of the Señor de temblores is taken in procession though the many different street of Cusco, just like they did with the old mummies of the chiefs, priests and Inca rulers.

Finally, the central element of the celebration is with the flower of ñucchu (salvia esplendes) this is used to give an offering to the god Apu Kon Ticse Wiracocha, now days the crown of the Señor de los Temblores is made out of this flower. Throughout the procession, people continually throw the flower petals, adding to the pile at the feet of the statue.

One of the many highlights of the trip, seeing the procession during Holy Monday
The crowd in the Cusco main square at the end of the procession of the Señor de los Temblores