

**Spring Wildflowers at Mile-Around Woods
In approximate order of appearance**

Nancy Felix 2025



Spring beauty *Claytonia caroliniana*

Flowers white with pink nectar guides for bees
Pollinated by spring beauty miner bee
and 23 other bees
Elaiosomes attract ants to carry seeds
Grow from tubers, flowers early



Sharp-lobed hepatica *Anemone acutiloba*

Green to red liver-shaped leaves, overwinter
White or purple petal-like sepals, 5-12
Hairy during early growth for cold protection



Bloodroot *Sanguinaria canadensis*

White petals, 8-12; many yellow stamens
Folded leaves, flowers grow up through, cold protection
Self-pollinate 3 days, then open for pollinators
Leaves remain all summer
Red sap
Elaiosomes for ant dispersal



Dutchman's breeches *Dicentra cucullaria*

Flowers white and yellow, 2 long-spurs with nectar
Pollinated by Queen bumblebees with long tongue
Grow from bulblets, white to pink, tear-shaped
Roots, buds grow in fall ready for early spring

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Squirrel corn *Dicentra canadensis*

Flowers white and pink, rounded spurs
Lacy leaves, die back in summer
Round yellow bulblets, like corn
Related to garden bleeding heart
Elaiosomes for ant dispersal



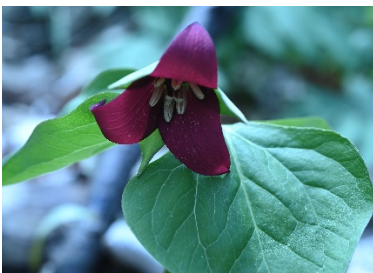
Early blue cohosh *Caulophyllum giganteum*

Deep blue stem and leaves
Flowers purple sepals, tiny petals
Pollinated by flies, bees, self
Blue berries



Trout lily *Erythronium americanum*

Yellow flowers with 6 tepals
Leaves mottled green and burgundy
Clones, lots of leaves, few bloom each year
Bulbs, stolon droppers
Bee-pollinated, elaiosomes for ant dispersal



Red trillium *Trillium erectum*

Flowers with 3 red petals
Leaves in whorls of 3
Bad odor, fly pollinated
Rhizomes, elaiosomes



White trillium *Trillium grandiflorum*

Flowers with 3 white petals, pink when old
Leaves in whorls of 3
Nectar, pollinated by long-tongued bees
Rhizomes, often see multiple flowers

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Wild ginger *Asarum canadense*

Large, heart-shaped leaves, long-lasting
Red flower on ground
Fly and beetle pollinated
Root smells like ginger but contains toxins



Jack-in-the-Pulpit *Arisaema triphyllum*

Leafy, purple-striped bract with hood
Spike inside with tiny unisexual flowers
Large leaves with 3 leaflets
Pollinated by fungus gnats
Bright red berries



Two-leaved toothwort *Cardamine diphylla* **Cut-leaved toothwort** *C. concatenata*

Leaves with broad or narrow leaflets
Flowers with 4 white or pink petals
Nectar for long-tongued bees and flies
Host plant for West Virginia white butterfly



Smooth yellow violet *Viola eriocarpa*

Yellow flowers with brown nectar guides
Leaves on stems, heart-shaped, hairy beneath

vs Round-leaved violet *Viola rotundifolia*

Leaves at base, round with blunt teeth



Sister or woolly blue violet *Viola sororia*

Pale to dark purple with dark purple nectar guides
Lateral petals bearded, short spur
Leaves at base, broad heart-shaped, hairy

vs Marsh violet *V. cucullata* Leaves not hairy

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Long-spurred violet *Viola rostrata*

Pale purple, deep purple center
Purple nectar guides, not bearded
Long spur, ½ inch



Canada violet *Viola canadensis*

Flowers white with yellow centers
Purple nectar guides, bearded



Herb-Robert *Geranium robertianum*

Pink flowers, 5 petals
Pink and white stripes, nectar-guides
Leaves 3-5 lobes, incised, fern-like
Fruit with long beak, looks like crane's bill



Two-leaved bishop's cap or mitrewort
Mitella diphylla

Flowers with tiny, white-fringed flower petals
Look like delicate snowflakes
Leaves triangular coarsely toothed, 1 pair on stem
Fruit 2-valved capsule looks like bishop's mitre



Foam flower *Tiarella stolonifera*

Spikes of white flowers, buds on top
5 petals, 10 long stamens.
Leaves all at base, triangular, sharply toothed

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False Solomon's seal

Maianthemum racemosum

Many tiny, white flowers at end of branch
Showy white stamens, tiny petals
Stems zig-zag with alternate leaves
Red berries



Eastern waterleaf

Hydrophyllum virginianum

Leaves with waterspots, deeply lobed
Leaves early, flowers June - July
Lavender flowers in coiled clusters.



Wild leek, ramps *Allium tricoccum*

Leaves early spring, die back in summer
Broad, green leaves from bulbs
Flowers white-cream in round umbels
Flowers after leaves disappear