

When Native Plants Bloom

In an ideal landscape, there is a constant flow of bloom to provide not only food for pollinators, but also delight for the gardener's eye. This calendar of bloom times can help you plan for an abundant buffet. Most herbaceous (meaning they die back to their roots each winter and then resprout in the warm weather,) perennials and woody plants bloom for about 2 weeks and then settle down to the business of storing energy to get them through the coming winter or making fruit and seeds.

The bloom periods in this calendar are not set in stone; climate change or local conditions will affect bloom times. Many of these plants may bloom a week- or 2- before and/or after the months indicated. These are averages.

This list makes no distinction between deer-resistant plants and deer-candy, please do your own research. The list also does not list the ideal growing conditions for each plant- again you need to do your own research.



March

Acer spp/ Maple
Hamamelis vernalis/ Vernal Witchhazel
Salix spp/ Willow



April

Cardamine spp (formerly *Dentaria*)/ Toothworts
Claytonia caroliniana/ Carolina Spring Beauty
Claytonia virginiana/ Virginia Spring Beauty
Dicentra cucullaria/ Dutchman's Breeches
Mertensia virginica/ Virginia Bluebells
Phlox bifida/ Cleft Phlox
Phlox stolonifera/ Creeping Phlox
Sanguinaria canadensis/ Bloodroot
Trillium erectum/ Wake Robin
Trillium luteum/ Yellow Trillium
Trillium sessile/ Red Wake Robin
Amelanchier spp/ Juneberry, Serviceberry, Shadblow
Cercis canadensis/ Eastern Redbud
Lindera benzoin/ Spicebush



May

Amsonia ciliata/ Fringed Bluestar
Amsonia hubrechtii/ Arkansas Bluestar
Amsonia tabernaemontana/ Eastern Bluestar
Amsonia tabernaemontana v. *salicifolia*/ Willow-Leaved Bluestar
Aquilegia canadensis/ Wild Columbine
Arisaema triphyllum/ Jack-In-The-Pulpit
Baptisia alba/ White False Indigo
Baptisia australis/ False Indigo
Baptisia sphaerocarpa/ Yellow Wild Indigo
Caltha palustris/ Marsh Marigold
Chrysogonum virginicum/ Green-And-Gold
Dicentra eximia/ Wild Bleeding Heart
Geranium maculatum/ Wild Geranium
Heuchera americana/ American Alumroot
x *Heucherella*/ Alumroot varieties
Iris cristata/ Dwarf Crested Iris
Maianthemum stellatum/ False Solomon's Seal
Mertensia virginica/ Virginia Bluebells
Phlox bifida/ Cleft Phlox
Phlox divaricata/ Woodland Phlox
Phlox stolonifera/ Creeping Phlox
Phlox subulata/ Moss Phlox
Polygonatum biflorum/ Small Solomon's Seal
Polygonatum biflorum v. *commutatum*/ Giant Solomon's Seal
Salvia lyrata/ Meadow Sage
Tiarella cordifolia/ Foamflower
Trillium erectum/ Wake Robin
Trillium grandiflorum/ White Trillium

May (cont'd)

Trillium luteum/ Yellow Trillium
Uvularia grandiflora/ Great Merrybells
Viola striata/ Striped Violet
Fothergilla major & gardenii/ Witch Alder
Ilex glabra/ Inkberry
Halesia tetraptera/ Silverbell
Lonicera sempervirens/ Trumpet Honeysuckle
Photinia arbutifolia & melanocarpa/ Chokeberry
Prunus americana/ Wild Plum
Sassafras albidum/ Sassafras
Vaccinium spp/ Blueberries



June

Achillea millefolium/ Yarrow
Amsonia ciliata/ Fringed Bluestar
Amsonia hubrechtii/ Arkansas Bluestar
Amsonia taebarnaemontana/ Eastern Bluestar
Amsonia taebarnaemontana v. *salicifolia*/ Willow-Leaved Bluestar
Arisaema triphyllum/ Jack-In-The-Pulpit
Aruncus dioicus/ Goat's Beard
Asclepias tuberosa/ Butterfly Weed
Astilbe biternata/ False Goat's Beard
Baptisia australis/ False Indigo
Baptisia sphaerocarpa/ Yellow Wild Indigo
Chrysogonum virginianum/ Green-And-Gold
Coreopsis verticillata/ Threadleaf Tickseed
Dicentra eximia/ Wild Bleeding Heart
Echinacea paradoxa/ Yellow Purple Coneflower
Gaillardia x grandiflora/ Blanket Flower
Gaura lindheimeri/ Beeblossom
Gillenia trifoliata/ Indian Physic
Heliopsis helianthoides/ False Sunflower
Heuchera americana/ American Alumroot
Heuchera cylindrica/ Roundleaf Alumroot
x *Heucherella*/ Alumroot varieties
Monarda bradburiana/ Bradbury's Beebalm

Oenothera macrocarpa/ Ozark Sundrops
Oenothera fruticosa/ Evening Primrose, Sundrops
Opuntia humifusa/ Eastern Prickly Pear
Penstemon digitalis/ Foxglove Beardtongue
Phlox maculata/ Meadow Phlox, Sweet William
Polygonatum biflorum/ Small Solomon's Seal
Spigelia marilandica/ Indian Pink
Thalictrum dasycarpum/ Purple Meadow-Rue
Thermopsis villosa/ Carolina False-Lupine
Tradescantia x andersoniana/ Spiderwort
Trillium grandiflorum/ White Trillium
Cornus spp/ Dogwood
Crateagus spp/ Hawthorn
Diospyros virginiana/ American Persimmon
Ilex verticillata/ Winterberry
Liriodendron tulipifera/ Tulip Tree
Lonicera sempervirens/ Trumpet Honeysuckle
Nyssa sylvatica/ Tupelo



Actaea racemosa/ Bugbane
Aralia racemosa/ Spikenard
Asclepias tuberosa/ Butterfly Weed
Asclepius incarnata/ Swamp Milkweed
Coreopsis verticillata/ Thread-Leaved Tickseed
Dicentra eximia/ Wild Bleeding Heart
Echinacea paradoxa/ Yellow Purple-Coneflower
Echinacea purpurea/ Purple Coneflower
Echinacea tennesseensis/ Tennessee Coneflower
Epilobium angustifolium/ Fireweed
Eryngium yuccifolium/ Rattlesnake Master
Eutrochium purpureum/ Sweet Joe Pye Weed
Hibiscus moscheutos/ Swamp Rose Mallow
Liatris spicata/ Dense Blazing Star
Lilium canadense/ Canada Lily
Lilium superbum/ Turk's Cap Lily
Lysimachia ciliata/ Swamp Loosestrife
Manfreda virginica/ American False Aloe
Monarda didyma/ Beebalm
Monarda didyma 'Jacob Cline'/ Red Beebalm

July (cont'd)

Monarda fistulosa/ Wild Bergamot
Napaea dioica/ Glade Mallow
Opuntia humifusa/ Eastern Prickly Pear
Parthenium integrifolium/ Prairie Quinine
Phlox maculata/ Meadow Phlox, Sweet William
Phlox paniculata/ Garden Phlox
Phytostegia virginiana/ Obedient Plant
Pycnanthemum tenuifolium/ Narrow-Leaved Mountain Mint
Pycnanthemum incanum/ Hoary Mountain Mint
Pycnanthemum virginianum/ Wild Basil
Ratibida pinnata/ Mexican Hat
Rudbeckia fulgida/ Black-Eyed Susan
Rudbeckia maxima/ Great Coneflower
Senna marilandica/ Wild Senna
Silphium integrifolium/ Rosinweed
Solidago spp./ Goldenrod
Stokesia laevis/ Stoke's Aster
Tradescantia andersoniana/ Spiderwort
Verbena hastata/ Blue Vervain
Veronicastrum virginiana/ Culver's Root
Calycanthus floridus/ Carolina Allspice
Campsis radicans/ Trumpet Vine
Clematis virginiana/ Virgin's Bower
Itea virginica/ Virginia Sweetspire
Oxydendron arboreum/ Sourwood
Rhus spp./ Sumac
Sambucus canadensis/ Elderberry
Symphoricarpos albus/ Snowberry
Symphoricarpos orbiculatus/ Coralberry
Tilia americana/ Basswood



August

Actea rubifolia/ Appalachian Bugbane
Agastache nepetoides/ Giant Yellow Hyssop
Aralia racemosa/ Spikenard
Asclepius incarnata/ Swamp Milkweed
Asclepius tuberosa/ Butterfly Weed
Chelone obliqua/ Rose Turtlehead
Conoclinium coelestinum/ Mist Flower
Coreopsis rosea/ Pink Tickseed
Coreopsis verticillata/ Threadleaf Tickseed
Coreopsis triptera/ Giant Tickseed
Delphinium exaltatum/ Larkspur
Doellingeria umbellata/ Flat-top Aster
Echinacea purpurea/ Purple Coneflower
Eupatorium hyssopifolium/ Hyssop-leaved Thoroughwort
Eurybia divaricata/ White Wood Aster
Eutrochium fistulosum/ Hollow-stem Joe Pye Weed
Eutrochium maculatum/ Spotted Joe Pye Weed
Eutrochium purpureum/ Sweet Joe Pye Weed
Gallardia x grandiflora/ Blanket Flower
Gaura lindheimeri/ Beeblossom
Helenium autumnale/ Helen's Flower
Helianthus x laetifolius 'Lemon Queen'/ Perennial Sunflower
Heliopsis helianthoides/ False Sunflower
Heuchera villosa/ Hairy Alumroot
Hibiscus moscheutos/ Swamp Rose Mallow
Liatris microcephala/ Smallhead Blazing Star
Lobelia cardinalis/ Cardinal Flower
Lobelia siphilitica/ Blue Lobelia, High-belia
Monarda didyma 'Jacob Cline'/ Red Beebalm
Oenothera macrocarpa/ Ozark Sundrops
Phytostegia virginiana/ Obedient Plant
Pycnanthemum tenuifolium/ Narrow-Leaved Mountain Mint
Pycnanthemum incanum/ Hoary Mountain Mint
Pycnanthemum virginianum/ Virginia Mountain Mint, Wild Basil
Rudbeckia fulgida/ Orange Coneflower, Black-eyed Susan
Rudbeckia laciniata/ Cutleaved Coneflower
Rudbeckia subtomentosa/ Sweet Black-Eyed Susan
Rudbeckia triloba/ Brown-Eyed Susan
Senna marilandica/ Wild Senna

August (cont'd)

Silphium integrifolium/ Rosinweed
Solidago spp/ Goldenrod
Symphotrichum laterifolium/ Calico Aster
Vernonia angustifolium/ Tall Ironweed
Vernonia noveboracensis/ New York Ironweed
Vernonia missourica/ Missouri Ironweed
Veronicastrum virginiana/ Culver's Root
Campsis radicans/ Trumpet Vine
Cephalanthus occidentalis/ Buttonbush
Clematis virginiana/ Virgin's Bower
Clethra alnifolia/ Summersweet



September

Actea rubifolia/ Appalachian Bugbane
Ageratina altissima/ White Snakeroot
Boltonia asteroides/ Doll's Daisy
Chelone lyonii/ Pink Turtlehead
Chelone obliqua/ Rose Turtlehead
Conoclinium coelestinum/ Mist Flower
Coreopsis rosea/ Pink Tickseed
Coreopsis verticillata/ Threadleaf Tickseed
Eupatorium hyssopifolium/ Hyssopleaved Thoroughwort
Eurybia divaricata/ White Wood Aster
Gaura lindheimeri/ Beeblossom
Gaillardia x grandiflora/ Blanket Flower
Helenium autumnale/ Helen's Flower
Helianthus x laetifolius 'Lemon Queen'
Helianthus salicifolius/ Willow-leaved Sunflower
Heliopsis helianthoides/ False Sunflower
Heuchera villosa/ Hairy Alumroot
Hibiscus moscheutos/ Swamp Rose-Mallow
Ionactis linariifolius/ Stiff Aster
Liatris microcephala/ Smallhead Blazing Star
Lobelia siphilitica/ Blue Lobelia, High-belia
Monarda didyma 'Jacob Cline'/ Red Beebalm
Pycnanthemum incanum/ Hoary Mountain Mint
Rudbeckia fulgida/ Orange Coneflower, Black-eyed Susan

Rudbeckia laciniata/ Cutleaved Coneflower
Rudbeckia subtomentosa/ Sweet Black-Eyed Susan
Rudbeckia triloba/ Brown-Eyed Susan
Silphium integrifolium/ Rosinweed
Solidago spp/ Goldenrod
Solidago caesia/ Blue-stem Goldenrod
Solidago rugosa/ Rough-Stem Goldenrod
Solidago sphaecelata/ Fall Goldenrod
Symphotrichum dumosum/ Cushion Aster
Symphotrichum laeve/ Smooth Aster
Symphotrichum laterifolium/ Calico Aster
Symphotrichum novae-angliae/ New England Aster
Symphotrichum novi-belgii/ New York Aster
Tradescantia x andersoniana/ Spiderwort
Vernonia angustifolium/ Tall Ironweed
Vernonia gigantea/ Giant Ironweed



October

Gaillardia x grandiflora/ Blanket Flower
Gaura lindheimeri/ Beeblossom
Helianthus angustifolius/ Swamp Sunflower
Heuchera villosa/ Hairy Alumroot
Monarda didyma 'Jacob Cline'/ Red Beebalm
Solidago spp/ Goldenrod
Solidago caesia/ Blue-stem Goldenrod
Symphotrichum laeve/ Smooth Aster
Symphotrichum oblongifolium/ Aromatic Aster
Tradescantia x andersoniana/ Spiderwort



November

Hamamelis virginiana/ Common Witchhazel