

# 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.



## 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 virginicum*/ 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



## July

*Actaea racemosa*/ Bugbane  
*Aralia racemosa*/ Spikenard  
*Asclepias tuberosa*/ Butterfly Weed  
*Asclepias incarnata*/ Swamp Milkweed  
*Coreopsis verticillata*/ Thread-Leaved Tickseed  
*Dicentra eximia*/ Wild Bleeding Heart  
*Echinacea paradoxa*/ Yellow Purple Coneflower  
*Echinacea purpurea*/ Purple Coneflower  
*Echinacea tenesseeensis*/ 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  
*Tillia 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