

Spring Wildflowers

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Baneberry - White

Actaea pachypoda
(Flower cluster pyramidal, thick flower & fruit stalks) W



Baneberry-Red

Actaea rubra
(Flower cluster rounded, flower and fruit stalks thin) B



Baneberry-Red

Leaf of red & white baneberry similar. Flower clusters & fruit different B



Garlic Mustard

Alliaria petiolata B



Garlic Mustard

Leaves with heart-shaped base, coarse teeth B



Serviceberry-Saskatoon*

Amelanchier alnifolia W



Serviceberry-Saskatoon*

Leaf teeth in the upper half, no hair at flowering, rounded tip W



Serviceberry - Downy*

Amelanchier arborea
(AKA Juneberry*-Downy) W



Serviceberry - Downy*

Leaf has fine teeth, bronze and hairy at flowering time, pointed tip W



Hepatica - Sharp-lobed

Anemone acutiloba W



Hepatica

Flowers the same - leaves different W



Hepatica - Round-lobed

Anemone americana W



Wood Anemone

Anemone quinquefolia B



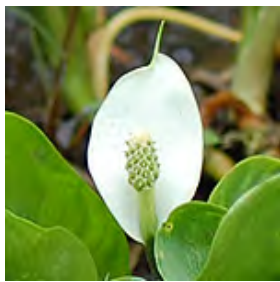
Field Pussytoes

Antennaria neglecta U



Asparagus

Asparagus officinalis U



Wild Calla

Calla palustris
(AKA Water Arum) W



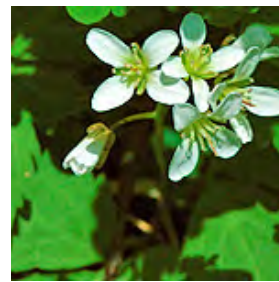
Toothwort - Cut-leaved

Cardamine concatenata W



Toothwort - Cut-leaved

Stem leaf - 3 deep-lobed leaflets, appear to be 5 lobed W



Toothwort - Two-leaved

Cardamine diphylla
(AKA Crinkleroot) W



Toothwort - Two-leaved

Stems have 2 leaves, opposite, 3 lobes, not deeply cut W

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Bittercress

Cardamine pensylvanica
 (AKA - Pennsylvania Bittercress) W



Dogwood - Red Osier*

Cornus sericea
 (Stems red Fall to Spring.) W



Dutchman's Breeches

Dicentra cucullaria

W



False Rue Anemone

Enemion biternatum
 (Flowers rise from leaf axils) W



White Trout Lily

Erythronium albidum
 (AKA-White Fawn Lily) W



Strawberry - Woodland

Fragaria vesca

W



Strawberry - Woodland

Flower stalk above leaves. Leaflets often stalkless. Tip tooth broad W



Strawberry - Virginia

Fragaria virginiana

U



Strawberry - Virginia

Virginia: Flower stalk shorter than leaves. Leaflets stalked. Tip tooth shorter U



Dame's Rocket - White

Hesperis matronalis
 (AKA Sweet Rocket) B



Twinleaf

Jeffersonia diphylla
 (Leaf basal, long stalk, 2 opposite leaflets) W



Mountain Laurel*

Kalmia latifolia

W



Mountain Laurel* -plant

Kalmia latifolia

W



Pepper Grass

Lepidium densiflorum

W



Tatarian Honeysuckle*

Lonicera tatarica
 (Flowers white to pink) B



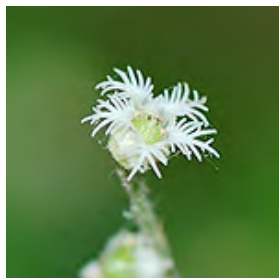
False Solomon's Seal

Maianthemum racemosum B



False Solomon's Seal

Top section of plant, flowers at stem tip B



Twoleaf Miterwort

Mitella diphylla
 (AKA Bishop's Cap) W

W



Twoleaf Miterwort

Leaves mid-stem, 1 pair, almost stalkless, 3 to 5 lobes W



Blunt-leaved Sandwort

Moehringia lateriflora U

U

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Leaf - oblong, blunt tip, no stalk, < 1" long, fine hair U



Wild Plum*
(American Plum)
Prunus americana

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Chokecherry*

Prunus virginiana



Chokecherry*

Leaf oval, fine teeth, pale under, small glands on leaf stalk W



Red Elderberry*

Sambucus racemosa

W



Red Elderberry*

Flower cluster domed, leaf 5 - 7 leaflets, serrate. Leaves out before flowers W



Bloodroot

Sanguinaria canadensis

W



American Bladdernut*

Staphylea trifolia

W



Foamflower

Tiarella cordifolia
(AKA Heartleaf Foamflower) W



Foamflower

Leaves all basal, heart-shape base, 5 to 7 lobes, stalks have glandular hair W



Trillium - Nodding

Trillium cernuum

W



Trillium - Drooping

Trillium flexipes
(AKA Nodding Wakerobin) W

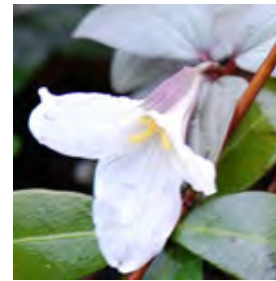
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Trillium -Large-flowered

Trillium grandiflorum
(AKA White Trillium) W

W



Trillium - Snow

Trillium nivale

W



Nannyberry*

Viburnum lentago

W



Nannyberry*

Leaf egg shaped, fine teeth, in opposite pairs, stalks reddish with small wings W



Highbush Cranberry*

Viburnum opulus var. *americanum* (AKA American Cranberrybush) W

W



Highbush Cranberry*

Leaf 3-lobed, coarse teeth, small stalked glands on leaf stalk W



European Cranberry*

Viburnum opulus var. *opulus* (Flowers same as Highbush) W



European Cranberry*

Leaf 3-lobed, a few coarse teeth, small unstalked glands on leaf stalk W

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Canada Violet

Viola canadensis
(Yellow tinting at petal base) W



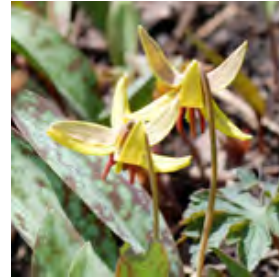
Marsh Marigold

Caltha palustris
(AKA Cowslip) W



Eastern Leatherwood*

Dirca palustris W



Yellow Trout Lily

Erythronium americanum
(AKA Dogtooth Violet) W



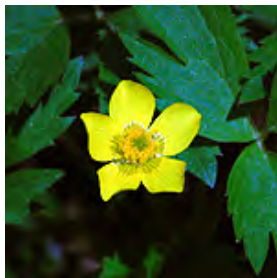
Kidneyleaf Buttercup

Ranunculus abortivus
(AKA Littleleaf Buttercup) W



Kidneyleaf Buttercup

Unique basal leaf. Stem leaves have lobes W



Swamp Buttercup

Ranunculus hispidus var. *nitidus*
(AKA Hispid Buttercup) W



Swamp Buttercup

Basal leaf the largest, 3 parts, each part divided. Upper leaves more simple W



Hooked Crowfoot

Ranunculus recurvatus
(AKA Blisterwort) W



Hooked Crowfoot

Lower Stem leaf W



Wood Poppy

Stylophorum diphyllum
(AKA Celandine Poppy) W



Trillium - Yellow

Trillium luteum
(AKA Yellow Wakerobin) W



Large-flowered Bellwort

Uvularia grandiflora W



Downy Yellow Violet

Viola pubescens W



Golden Alexanders

Zizia aurea
(AKA Golden Zizia) U



Sweet Fern*

Comptonia peregrina U



Sweet Fern*

Top section of plant showing long narrow leaf that has rounded lobes U



Common Buckthorn*

Rhamnus cathartica W



Common Buckthorn*

Leaf has marginal teeth. Flowers not stalked, in tight cluster W



Sumac - Fragrant*

Rhus aromatica U

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Sumac - Fragrant*

Leaf has 3 stalked leaflets, variable in shape, aromatic when crushed U



American Black Currant*

Ribes americanum (AKA Wild Black Currant) W



American Black Currant*

Leaf - 3-5 toothed lobes, main veins from base, underside with yellow glands W



Garden Currant*

Ribes rubrum W



Upright Carrion Flower

Smilax ecirrata B



Upright Carrion Flower

Erect, no prickles, flowers in ball-like umbel from bracts on stem below leaves B



Common Carrion Flower

Vining, no prickles, flowers in ball-like umbel from the leaf axils. Stalk very long B



Common Carrion Flower

Smilax lasioneura B



Early Meadow Rue

Thalictrum dioicum (Flower anthers more yellowish) W



Veiny Meadow Rue

Thalictrum venulosum (Flower anthers more purplish) W



Veiny Meadow Rue

Leaves similar to Early Meadow Rue; consult reference for detail W



Trillium - Yellow

Trillium luteum (AKA Yellow Wakerobin) W



Prickly-ash*

Zanthoxylum americanum (Thorns on twigs, seed capsules red) W



Jack-in-the-pulpit

Arisaema triphyllum W



Swamp Saxifrage

Micranthes pensylvanica (AKA Eastern Swamp Saxifrage) W



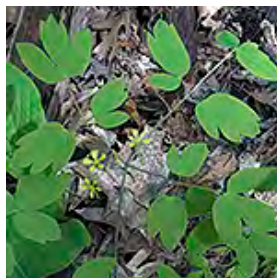
Swamp Saxifrage

Hairy lance-shaped leaves all basal. Flower stalk w/ glandular hair, to 3 ft. W



Blue Cohosh

Caulophyllum thalictroides W



Blue Cohosh

Leaf - 3 or 4 3-parted sections, each section with 3 parts (27 leaflets per leaf) W



Virginia Waterleaf

Hydrophyllum virginianum (AKA Eastern Waterleaf) B



Virginia Bluebells

Mertensia virginica W

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Wild Blue Phlox

Phlox divaricata

B



Jacob's-ladder

Polemonium reptans
(AKA Greek Valerian)

B



Jacob's-ladder

Plant under 20 inches high, frequently reclining. Leaf: 7-17 leaflets, smooth edges

B



Blue Squill

Scilla siberica

W



Common Periwinkle

Vinca minor
(AKA Running Myrtle)

W



Common Blue Violet

Viola sororia



Wild Ginger

Asarum canadense
(AKA Canadian Wild Ginger)

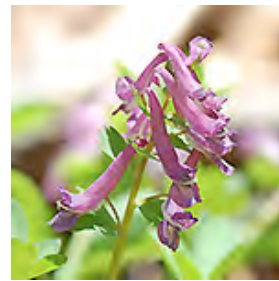
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Wild Ginger

Leaves - 2 per plant, up to 6" wide, hairy stalks and underside; stem prostrate

W



Fumewort

Corydalis solida

W



Fumewort

Leaf pinnate, deeply cleft, dense, terminal lobe with crenations

W



Shooting Star

Dodecatheon meadia
(AKA Pride of Ohio)

U



MN Dwarf Trout Lily

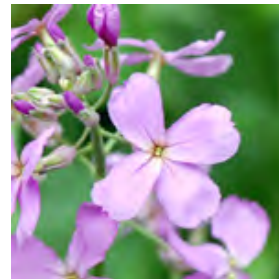
Erythronium propullans
(5 tepals only not 6)



Wild Geranium

Geranium maculatum
(AKA Spotted Geranium)

W



Dame's Rocket -pink

Hesperis matronalis
(AKA Sweet Rocket)

B



Foamy Bells

xHeucherella tiarelloides

W



Foamy Bells

Garden hybrid with Foam Flower; leaves all basal in a clump

W



Climbing Honeysuckle*

Lonicera dioica
(AKA - Limber Honeysuckle)

U



Skunk Cabbage

Symplocarpus foetidus
(Early before leaf-out)

W



Skunk Cabbage

Symplocarpus foetidus
(During leaf-out)

W



Rue Anemone

Thalictrum thalictroides
(Flower rises from stem, not from leaf axils)

B

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Trillium - Sweet Betsy

Trillium cuneatum
(Leaf to 6", flower to 3" high) W



Trillium - Toadshade

Trillium sessile
(Leaf to 3", flower to 1.5" high) W



Trillium: Sweet Betsy

Sweet Betsy & Toadshade have similar but different size leaves, no leaf stalks W



Purple Trillium

Trillium erectum
(Flower color variable) W



Trillium - Prairie

Trillium recurvatum W



Wild Oats

Uvularia sessilifolia
(AKA Sissileleaf Bellwort)



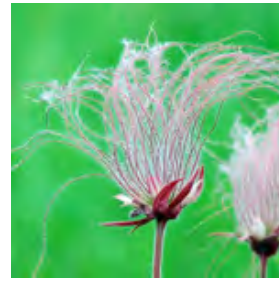
Wild Columbine

Aquilegia canadensis
(AKA Red Columbine) B



Prairie Smoke

Geum triflorum
(AKA Old Man's Whiskers) U



Prairie Smoke

Geum triflorum
(Seed head stage; flowers nodding before seeding) U