



Eastern Redbud

(Cercis canadensis)

- * Medium sized tree
- * Pink flowers emerging from branches
- * Heart shaped leaves

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Twinleaf

(Jeffersonia diphylla)

- * White flower
- * 8 petals
- * Leaf with two identical segments



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Leatherwood

(Dirca palustris)

- * Medium sized shrub
- * Small yellow flower
- * Light brown malleable bark



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Shooting Star

(Dodecatheon meadia)

- * White/pink nodding flowers
- * Leaves emerging from base
- * Carpets the forest floor



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Spring Wildflowers and Woody Plants of the C&O Canal



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Paw Paw

(Asimina triloba)

- * Medium sized tree
- * Red/purple nodding flower
- * Aromatic leaves (green pepper)

Roundlobed Hepatica

(Hepatica americana)

- * White/pink/blue/purple flowers
- * Three lobed round leaves
- * Leaves emerging from base



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Spice Bush

(Lindera benzoin)

- * Medium sized shrub
- * Yellow flowers emerging from branches
- * Aromatic "spicy" scented leaves and bark



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Mayapple

(Podophyllum peltatum)

- * White flower under two leaves
- * Five petals
- * Carpets forest floor



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Dutchman's Breeches

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Spring Wildflowers of The C&O Canal

Spring is a beautiful time of year to experience many of the natural beauties the C&O Canal has to offer. This wildflower guide will help you identify many of the spring flowers you can find up and down the canal. Please remember not to remove any plant materials from the park, but most of all, enjoy your time at the C&O Canal!



Virginia Bluebells



Virginia Bluebells
(*Mertensia virginica*)

- * Blue/pink/purple flower
- * Bell-shaped flower
- * Fleshy green leaves

Dutchman's Breeches
(*Dicentra cucullaria*)

- * White flowers resemble "pants on a clothes line"
- * Highly dissected leaves
- * Closely related to squirrel corn



Bellwort
(*Uvularia sessilifolia*)

- * Nodding yellow flower
- * Six petals
- * Stem goes through the leaves

Toadshade
(*Trillium sessile*)

- * Red/purple flower
- * Three leaves
- * Light green/dark green leaves (mottled)



Squirrel Corn
(*Dicentra canadensis*)

- * White flowers resemble hearts
- * Highly dissected leaves
- * Closely related to Dutchman's breeches

Star Chickweed
(*Stellaria pubera*)

- * Small white flower
- * Leaves come off the stem opposite
- * Leaves are slightly hairy

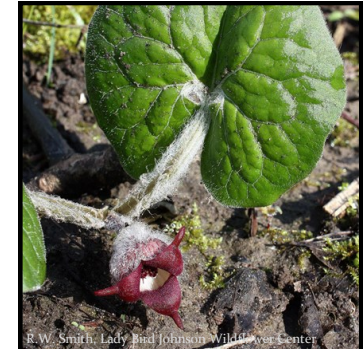


Spring Beauty
(*Claytonia virginica*)

- * White/pink flowers
- * Pink striped petals
- * Long, thin leaves from base

Yellow Trout Lily
(*Erythronium americanum*)

- * Nodding yellow flower
- * Light green/dark green leaves
- * Leaves form at base of plant



Wild Ginger
(*Asarum canadense*)

- * Small purple/red flower below leaves
- * Heart shaped leaves
- * Leaf stems often hairy

Blue Violet
(*Viola sororia*)

- * Purple flowers
- * 2 upper petals, 2 lateral petals, 1 lower petal
- * Oval, green leaves



Blood Root
(*Sanguinaria canadensis*)

- * White flower
- * Bright yellow flower center
- * Irregularly shaped lobed leaves

Cutleaf Toothwort
(*Cardamine concatenata*)

- * White flowers
- * 4 petals
- * Leaves divided with a serrated edge

