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ORNAMENTAL PLANTS WITH SPRING BLOOM AND FRUIT IN THE VIRGINIA NATIVE PLANT GARDEN

Scientific Name of Ornamental Plants with Spring Bloom (February, March, April and/or May)	Common Name	Month of Bloom	Color of Bloom
<i>Aesculus flava</i> (large tree)	Yellow Buckeye	May (possibly late April in some years)	Light yellow
<i>A. sylvatica</i> (shrub or small tree)	Painted Buckeye	April, May	Cream
Amelanchier species, hybrids, & cultivars	Juneberry, Serviceberry, Shadblow	March, April	White
<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i> & 'Montana'	Eastern Bluestar	April, May	Light blue
<i>Anemone acutiloba</i> (<i>Hepatica acutiloba</i> or <i>H. nobilis</i> var. <i>acuta</i> no longer valid)	Sharp-Lobed Hepatica	March, April (plants sometimes decline over time so one of these species may be gone in 2017 – can be a challenge to grow)	White
<i>A. americana</i> (<i>Hepatica americana</i> or <i>H. nobilis</i> var. <i>obtusa</i> no longer valid)	Round-Lobed Hepatica		
<i>A. virginiana</i>	Tall Anemone, Thimbleweed	May (easy to grow but not as showy as above species)	
<i>Antennaria plantaginifolia</i> (little left in 2016 except in woodland close to lower pond)	Plantain-Leaved Pussytoes	March, April, May	White
<i>A. virginica</i>	Shale Barren Pussytoes		
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Wild Columbine	March, April, May	Red & yellow
<i>Aralia nudicalis</i>	Wild Sarsaparilla	April (possibly May as well)	Greenish white (subtle)
<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i> (frequently dies off in old locations & reseeds – has been a challenge to grow in the Virginia Native Plant Garden)	Jack-In-The-Pulpit	April, May	Purple & green
<i>Aristolochia macrophylla</i> (<i>Isotrema macrophyllum</i> in the Flora of Virginia but not the accepted name)	Pipevine, Dutchman's Pipe	May	Yellow green with brownish purple coloring in the center

Aronia arbutifolia 'Brilliantissima'	Red Chokeberry	April, May	White
A. melanocarpa Lo Scape Hedger ('UCOBNNAM166')	Black Chokeberry	May	
Asarum canadense (deciduous species) Evergreen species of Asarum or Hexastylis: Asarum shuttleworthii (scientific name in Tropicos) or Hexastylis shuttleworthii (scientific name in Encyclopedia of Life; Flora of Virginia lists as H. lewisii).	Wild Ginger Large-Flower Heartleaf ('Callaway' is a selection of a more southern variety or ecotype. Other evergreen species have been harder to grow.)	April, May (Flowers of this genus hard to see - often hidden by leaves or leaf litter)	Reddish brown Greenish purple
Asclepias purpurascens (does better in Entrance Garden in soils with more moisture)	Purple Milkweed	Begins in late May	Pinkish purple
A. tuberosa	Butterfly Weed		Orange
Asimina triloba Note: A. parviflora (Small-Flowered Pawpaw; another species in the Virginia Native Plant Garden) – found in a few counties in southeastern Virginia	Common Pawpaw	April, May	Purple (best viewed up close)
Baptisia alba (B. albescens in the Flora of Virginia)	White Wild Indigo	Late April, May	White
B. australis	Blue Wild Indigo		Blue
Bignonia capreolata	Cross Vine	April, May	Orange or red, depending on the selection
Caltha palustris	Yellow Marsh Marigold	April, May	Yellow
Calycanthus floridus ('Edith Wilder' & 'Big George' are fragrant)	Eastern Sweetshrub, Carolina Allspice	March, April, May (heaviest flowering later in the spring & early summer)	Maroon; some are fragrant
Carex grayi (wetter area in stream valley)	Gray's Sedge	May	Green for most but
C. plantaginea (more upland areas) (Other species in the garden as well.)	Plantain-Leaved Sedge	March, April	C. plantaginea is brown
Caulophyllum thalictroides (deer have damaged plants so seldom bloom now; not an easy plant to grow)	Blue Cohosh	March, April (May is also reported)	Yellow green
Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud	March, April	Magenta & sometimes pink
Chionanthus virginicus	Fringe Tree	April, May	White
Chrysogonum virginianum	Green and Gold	April, May	Yellow
Claytonia virginica	Spring Beauty	February, March, April, May	White to pink with deeper pink stripes

Clematis ochroleuca (herbaceous perennial)	Curlyheads	April, May	Whitish
C. viorna (woody vine; hybridized with Clematis plants in the Vegetable Garden so many shoots removed in 2016)	Northern Leatherflower, Vase Vine	Begins in late May	Reddish purple with some white at tips
Comptonia peregrina	Sweetfern	Late March, April	Yellow green (subtle)
Coreopsis major	Woodland Coreopsis	Begins in late May	Golden yellow
C. verticillata 'Grandiflora' ('Golden Showers') & 'Zagreb'	Threadleaf Coreopsis		
Cornus florida & 'Cherokee Princess'	Flowering Dogwood	March, April, May	Bracts are white (true flowers small)
C. racemosa & Geauga ('Geazam')(species type plant is hard to see)	Gray Dogwood	May	
Note: C. amomum (Silky Dogwood) & C. sericea (C. stolonifera; Redosier Dogwood) are hard to see since they are along stream – both have May bloom			
Crataegus viridis 'Winter King'	Winter King Hawthorn	May	White
Delphinium tricorne (need to increase numbers since some damaged or killed by bridge construction)	Dwarf Larkspur	March, April, May	Blue
Dicentra eximia (foliage all growing season)	Wild Bleeding Heart	April, May (a few may start in late March in some years)	Pink
Note: D. cucullaria (Dutchman's Breeches) is a spring ephemeral (foliage goes dormant in summer) & has white blooms in March & April. It was likely destroyed during bridge construction but it will be replanted.			
Echinacea purpurea (naturalized in Virginia from further west & south) – The true native E. laevigata is endangered; it is even difficult to grow hybrids between the 2 species.	Purple Coneflower	Begins in late May	Pink with a purple center
Elymus hystrix (Hystrix patula)	Bottlebrush Grass	Begins in late May	Green
Enemion biternatum (scientific name in Encyclopedia of Life) or Isopyrum biternatum (scientific name in Tropicos)	False Rue Anemone, Eastern False Rue Anemone	March, April, May	White

Erigeron annuus	Annual Fleabane, Eastern Daisy Fleabane (annual that reseeds readily so only allow to remain in some areas)	May	White
E. pulchellus	Robin's Plantain (herbaceous perennial; found on soils in nature with higher calcium levels - calcareous soils; harder to grow in our region than the above)		Blue, purple, or white
Erythronium americanum	Yellow Trout Lily	April	Golden yellow (each year only a few plants bloom)
Euonymus americanus	American Euonymus, Heart's-A-Bustin'	May	Greenish (not showy – fruit is showy in the fall)
Euphorbia corollata	Flowering Spurge	Begins some years in late May	White
Gelsemium sempervirens	Yellow Jessamine	March, April, May	Golden yellow
Geranium maculatum	Wild Geranium	April, May (sometimes late March)	Lavender
Halesia tetraptera (no longer classified as H. carolina)	Common Silverbell	March, April	White
Heliopsis helianthoides	False Sunflower	Begins in late May	Golden yellow
Heuchera americana	American Alumroot	Begins late May	Greenish, white, or pink (small so grown more for foliage)
Hydrastis canadensis	Golden Seal	April, May	White
Hydrangea arborescens 'Annabelle' (double flowered form; too early for the single flowered species type)	Annabelle Hydrangea	Begins in late May	White
Hydrophyllum virginianum	Virginia Waterleaf	May	White or pink purple
Iris cristata	Dwarf Crested Iris	April, May	Blue
I. prismatica	Slender Blue Iris, Slender Blue Flag	May	Light blue
Itea virginica cultivars	Virginia Sweetspire	May	White
Jeffersonia diphylla	Twinleaf	March, April (individual flowers short-lived)	White
Kalmia latifolia cultivars	Mountain Laurel	May	Many colors for cultivars - pink, white, & combinations (some banded w/ burgundy)
Leucothoe axillaris	Coastal Leucothoe, Coastal Doghobble	April, May	White
L. fontanesiana	Drooping Leucothoe, Mountain Doghobble		
Lindera benzoin	Spicebush	March, April	Yellow

<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tulip Tree	May	Greenish yellow with orange at base within (nice but hard to see)
<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i> 'Blanche Sandman'	Trumpet Honeysuckle	Possibly March, April, May (planted in 2016)	Orange red flowers for cultivar
<i>Magnolia acuminata</i> (large tree selection here)	Cucumbertree Magnolia	May	Yellow green
<i>M. macrophylla</i> (large leaves; further back so hard to see)	Bigleaf Magnolia	More southern forms of <i>M. acuminata</i> are found from NC & further south (once classified as var. <i>subcordata</i> but no longer valid): some plants have more yellow pigment in the flowers & are shorter plants. These forms have been used in breeding work for yellow flowered Magnolia hybrids & cultivars. Cultivars of the southern form are in other gardens at Green Spring.	White
<i>M. tripetala</i> (large leaves as well but plants are easy to see)	Umbrella Magnolia		
<i>M. virginiana</i> The more southern type 'Henry Hicks' is in the Native Mixed Border by the Townhouse Gardens fence - the leaves are more evergreen.	Sweet Bay Magnolia		
The local species type is across the Turkeycock Run bridge - it is native to the site. It is growing in the magnolia bog/ seepage swamp & the adjacent woods.			
<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i> (<i>Smilacina racemosa</i>)	False Solomon's Seal	May	White
<i>Maianthemum stellatum</i> (<i>Smilacina stellata</i>)	Star-Flowered False Solomon's Seal, Starry False Solomon's Seal		
<i>Meehania cordata</i>	Meehan's Mint	May	Lavender blue
<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Virginia Bluebells	March, April, May	Sky blue (some flowers turn pink as they fade, & some plants have flowers that are more pink initially than others)
<i>Monarda didyma</i> & cultivars (<i>M. clinopodia</i> or Basil Bee Balm can begin to flower in late May, but little is left in the garden – white flowers)	Bee Balm	Begins in late May	Red
<i>Napaea dioica</i>	Glade Mallow (grown primarily for large leaves)	Begins in late May	White (subtle)
<i>Osmorhiza claytonia</i>	Sweet Cicely	April, May	White
<i>Packera aurea</i> (<i>Senecio aureus</i>)	Golden Ragwort	March, April, May	Golden yellow

Penstemon digitalis	White Penstemon	May	White to pale violet
P. hirsutus (if no longer in the garden will replant in 2017 from the Vista Garden; shorter plant than the above)	Hairy Penstemon		Lavender & white
Phacelia bipinnatifida	Fern-Leaved Phacelia, Forest Phacelia	March, April, May	Blue to lavender blue
Phlox divaricata	Wild Blue Phlox (fragrant flowers; mistakenly planted a light flowered cultivar at one time - keep removing lighter flowered forms.	March, April, May	Sky blue
P. glaberrima	Smooth Phlox	May	Pink
P. stolonifera 'Sherwood Purple' (the 'Blue Ridge' form may still be alive)	Creeping Phlox	April, May	'Sherwood Purple' is lavender; species ranges from red-purple to pink or lavender (rarely white)
P. subulata & cultivars	Moss Phlox	February, March, April, May	Pink for species; light blue for 'Blue Hills'
Podophyllum peltatum	Mayapple	April, May	White
Polemonium reptans	Spreading Jacob's Ladder	April, May (sometimes in late March)	Blue
Polygonatum biflorum	Smooth Solomon's Seal	April, May	Greenish white
Prosartes lanuginosa (Disporum lanuginosum)	Yellow Fairybells	April, May	Yellow
Prunus serotina	Black Cherry	May	White
Ptelea trifoliata	Hop Tree	May	Greenish white
Rhododendron atlanticum	Coast Azalea	May	White to light pink
R. calendulaceum	Flame Azalea		Orange is most common. Cultivars also have been selected with yellow or reddish orange flowers.
R. periclymenoides	Pinxterbloom Azalea		Pink to pinkish white

Rhododendron periclymenoides hybrid found in nature (possibly with R. atlanticum) – may have declined since in heavy shade under Magnolia tripetala	Hybrid Azalea	March, April, May	Light pink
R. prinophyllum	Roseshell Azalea	April, May	Pink
R. viscosum	Swamp Azalea	Begins in late May	White ('Lemon Drop' blooms later)
Rhus aromatica & the dwarf 'Gro-Low'	Fragrant Sumac	April & May	Yellowish (fruit is showier than flowers)
Robinia pseudoacacia	Black Locust	April, May	White (fragrant)
Rubus odoratus	Flowering Raspberry	Begins in late May	Pink
Salvia lyrata (purple-leaved form)	Purple Lyreleaf Salvia	May	Blue or violet
Sanguinaria canadensis	Bloodroot	March, April	White
Sassafras albidum	Sassafras	April	Greenish yellow
Scutellaria serrata	Showy Skullcap	May	Blue
Sedum ternatum	Wild Stonecrop	May	White
Sisyrinchium angustifolium	Narrowleaf Blue-Eyed Grass	May	Blue
Staphylea trifolia	American Bladdernut	April, early May	White or Greenish white
Stellaria pubera	Star Chickweed	April, May (March in some years)	White
Stylophorum diphyllum	Yellow Wood Poppy	Late March, April, May	Golden yellow
Symplocarpus foetidus (most plants are in wet areas that are hard to see)	Skunk Cabbage	February, March (January in some years; looks like it's in bloom longer)	Purplish & green
Thalictrum dioicum (in bridge construction zone so may need to replant in 2017)	Early Meadow Rue	April	Golden stamens & brown (subtle)
T. pubescens	Tall Meadow Rue	May	White
T. thalictroides (Anemonella thalictroides)	Rue Anemone	March, April, May	
Tiarella cordifolia	Foamflower	April, May (March in some years)	White
Tradescantia virginiana & hybrids	Virginia Spiderwort	April, May	Light blue for the species; blue & lilac for the hybrids
Trillium erectum	Red Trillium	April, early May	Red
T. flexipes	Nodding Trillium	April	White
T. grandiflorum	Great White Trillium	April, May (also March in some years)	White & turning pink as ages
T. sessile	Sessile Trillium, Toadshade	April, May	Maroon

<i>Uvularia grandiflora</i>	Large-Flowered Bellwort, Merrybells	April, May (also March in some years)	Yellow
<i>U. perfoliata</i>	Perfoliate Bellwort, Merrybells	April, May	Pale yellow
<i>U. sessilifolia</i> & 'Variegata'	Sessile-Leaved Bellwort, Merrybells	March, April, May	Greenish yellow
<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i> Other species as well such as <i>V. stamineum</i> (Deerberry) - May blooming flowers greenish or suffused with purple; fruit not eaten by people so less commonly grown.	Highbush Blueberry	April, May	White
<i>Verbesina alternifolia</i>	Wingstem	Late May some years (light bloom – a summer bloomer)	Yellow
<i>Viburnum acerifolium</i> <i>V. dentatum</i> & <i>V. dentatum</i> var. <i>lucidum</i> (in the Flora of Virginia & in Tropicos) or <i>V. recognitum</i> (preferred by the Encyclopedia of Life) <i>V. lentago</i> <i>V. nudum</i> (var. <i>nudum</i>) <i>V. prunifolium</i> (small tree) <i>V. rufidulum</i> (small tree)	Mapleleaf Viburnum Arrowwood Viburnum Southern Arrowwood Viburnum, Smooth Arrowwood Viburnum Nannyberry Viburnum Possumhaw Viburnum, Smooth Witherod Viburnum Blackhaw Viburnum Southern Blackhaw Viburnum	May (may see some blooms in April in warmer years) March, April, May	White
<i>Viola canadensis</i> <i>V. pubescens</i> <i>V. sororia</i> <i>V. striata</i>	Canada Violet, Tall White Violet Yellow Violet Common Blue Violet Striped Cream Violet	March, April, May	White Yellow Deep violet or blue; one form is blue, gray, & violet Cream
<i>Wisteria frutescens</i>	American Wisteria, Swamp Wisteria	May	Lavender
<i>Xanthorhiza simplicissima</i>	Yellowroot	March, April, May	Purple brown
<i>Zenobia pulverulenta</i>	Zenobia, Honeycup	May	White
<i>Zizia aptera</i> (basal leaves are simple) <i>Z. aurea</i> (basal leaves are compound; in other gardens at Green Spring as well)	Meadow Zizia, Heartleaf Alexanders, Golden Alexanders Golden Zizia, Golden Alexanders	March (a few blooms), April, May	Golden yellow

Note: blooms of many trees that are wind pollinated are not included on this list (some are attractive early in

the spring, such as red maple and boxelder maple).

Scientific Name of Plants with Ornamental Fruit in Spring	Common Name	Month of Fruiting (June also listed)	Color of Fruit
Amelanchier species, hybrids, & cultivars	Juneberry, Serviceberry, Shadblow	May (also June)	Purple to purplish black
Vaccinium corymbosum	Highbush Blueberry	Late May (also June)	Blue

Deer damage has been extensive for several years (damage levels have been increasing since 2007). - Some plants have died due feeding injury, while some woody plants have died due to bark injury during the - rut (breeding season). In addition, some plant that used to bloom well have their blooms eaten off or are - reduced in vigor enough that they don't bloom anymore. The number of plants of many species has declined. -

Scientific Names Of Plants - Current Names Are From:

- **Encyclopedia of Life** (<http://eol.org/>) – institutional partners include Harvard University, the Missouri Botanical Garden, the Smithsonian Institution, and The Field Museum.
- **Tropicos** from the Missouri Botanical Garden (<http://tropicos.org/>)

If a second scientific name is given, it is usually an old name that is still seen in some - references or used by some nurseries. However, the above databases do not always - agree on names. -

Other References: -

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The **Kemper Center for Home Gardening Plantfinder** at the Missouri Botanical Garden is an excellent reference for plant names, gardening information, and photographs (<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx>). It features plants in their Kemper Center display gardens and is an excellent website about ornamental plants.

Landscaping With Native Plants. Maryland Native Plant Society.

(<http://www.mdflora.org/resources/Publications/GardenersGuidelines/Landscaping-Natives.pdf>). This booklet is also available in print form.

The Lady Bird Wildflower Center at the University of Texas in Austin has developed the **Native Plant Information Network** for native plants (<http://www.wildflower.org/explore/>).

Native Plants for Northern Virginia (<http://www.plantnovanatives.org/>). This booklet is also available in print form. It is a publication of the Plant NoVA Natives initiative, which includes the Virginia Native Plant Society.

USDA PLANTS Database (<http://plants.usda.gov/java/>) - this database focuses on plants native to the U.S. and to U.S. Territories and Protectorates, as well as naturalized non-natives and invasives. It is also used to determine distribution within Virginia by county.

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