

(Little Rock, Arkansas)

March 1, 2020 to...

March 31st

**Trees & Shrubs**

Acer sp.

Maples don't get enough credit for spring flowers! Bloom time (and color) varies by species (red maples lead - chalk maple closes)

Aesculus pavia

Red buckeye - can be grown as a shrub or tree. An early hummingbird favorite

Amelanchier sp.

Shadbush - bloom (white!) time varies by species.

Asimina triloba

Pawpaw - dark red flowers pollinated by beetles & blowflies. Some people leave rotting meat under trees to increase pollination

Camellia japonica

*Non-native*. Bloom time, color, form vary by cultivar

Carpinus caroliniana

Ironwood

Cercis canadensis

Redbud.

Chaenomeles sp.

Flowering quince. *Non-native*. Bloom time and color vary by cultivar

Cornus florida

Flowering dogwood.

Crataegus marshalii

Parsley hawthorne. White blooms followed by red berries.

Forsythia x intermedia

Forsythia. *Non-native*.

Fothergilla sp.

Witch alder. US native. Fragrant, white blooms

Halesia diptera

Two winged silverbell. US Native. Bell-shaped white blooms

Kerria japonica

Japanese kerria. *Non-native*. Showy yellow flowers

Lindera benzoin

Spice bush. A fragrant native and host of the spice bush swallowtail

Loropetalum chinense

A very common *non-native* ornamental.

Magnolia sp.

Spring blooming magnolias are *not native*. Bloom time, shape, color varies by species.

Malus sp.

Flowering crabapples (*not native*) are more common, but there is also a native species: *Malus angustifolia* (fragrant flowers in late March)

Osmanthus americanus

American olive or devilwood. (US native) Fragrant, light green flowers. Syn: *Cartrema americana*.

Osmanthus fragrans

*Not-native*. Evergreen. Fragrant

Photinia sp.

*Non-native* photinia species are just starting to bloom at the end of the month. (Classified as invasive in some places)

Prunus sp.

There are many non-natives (e.g., Yoshino cherry); natives include: chickasaw plum (one of the earliest) & black cherry (one of the last)

Pyrus sp.

The *non-native (invasive)* Callery/Bradford pears are some of the earliest spring bloomers. They were blooming in February

Quercus sp.

Bloom time varies by species. Some oaks also have showy new leaves.

Rhododendron sp.

Early flowering (evergreen) azaleas are not native

Rhus aromatica

Fragrant sumac

Ribes odoratum







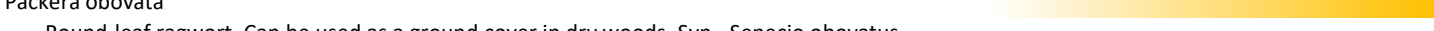
Golden/clove currant. Fragrant yellow flowers. Syn - *ribes aureum*

Rubus sp.

Blackberries

Salvia rosmarinus

Rosemary - Syn *Rosmarinus officinalis*

- Spirea sp.  Spring blooming spireas are not-native. White flower clusters - timing varies by species.
- Staphylea trifolia  American bladdernut. Clusters of white bell shaped flowers in spring followed by interesting seed capsules (hence the common name)
- Syringa sp.  *Non-native* Lilac.
- Viburnum sp.  *Non-native* Viburnums (like *V. plicatum* and *V. opulus*) bloom ahead of our native species
- Vines**
- Gelsemium sempervirens  Carolina jasmine. The state flower of South Carolina. (People with small children or with honey bees should be wary)
- Lonicera sempervirens  Coral/trumpet honeysuckle. Flowers sporadically through the winter, but in earnest in early spring
- Wisteria sp.  There is a native wisteria (*W. frutescens*) that is somewhat better behaved than Chinese wisteria (<- the one commonly seen)
- Groundcovers, Perennials, & Bulbs**
- Ajuga reptans.  Bugleweed. An evergreen groundcover *non-native*. Common violet would be a good native replacement with more wildlife value.
- Amsonia tabernaemontana  Bluestar. The earliest of the bluestars (in my yard at least)
- Anemone thalictroides  Rue anemone. A charming white woodland flower. Syn - *Thalictrum thalictroides*
- Antennaria sp.  Pussy toes. Sporadic white flowers early with more as spring goes on. Host plant for the American Painted Lady
- Aquilegia canadensis  Eastern columbine.
- Asarum canadense  Wild ginger. (This is not a showy flower, but interesting)
- Calamintha arkansana  Ozark calaminth. Syn - *Clinopodium arkansanum*
- Cardamine concatenata  Cutleaved toothwort. A spring ephemeral with white flowers
- Claytonia virginica  Spring beauty.
- Erigeron sp.  The fleabanes can be thuggish, but they're also good for beneficial insects & bees. White, pink, and purple flowers
- Erythronium sp.  Trout lily. *Erythronium rostratum* makes an occasional appearance in backyards and lawns
- Glandularia canadensis  Rose verbena.
- Helleborus sp.  Hellebore. A commonly planted *non-native*. Evergreen
- Hyacinthoides sp.  Spanish hyacinth and English hyacinth (non-native <- as you might expect).
- Iris cristata  Dwarf crested iris. This is a very pretty, low growing native. Bloom color varies
- Iris siberica  Siberian iris. *Non-native*. Bloom time and color varies with cultivar
- Lunaria annua  Silver dollars. *Non-native*. Purple flowers early in spring followed by round seed pods
- Mertensia virginica  Virginia bluebells
- Narcissus sp.  Daffodil. *Non-native*. Bloom times vary by cultivar
- Packera aurea  Golden ragwort. Can be used as a ground cover in wetter areas. Syn - *Senecio aureus*
- Packera obovata  Round-leaf ragwort. Can be used as a ground cover in dry woods. Syn - *Senecio obovatus*
- Packera tomentosa  Woolly ragwort. Full sun preferred. Syn - *Senecio tomentosus*

- Phlox bifida  
Sand phlox.
- Phlox divaricata  
Woodland phlox. Typically in shades of blue or purple. Part sun to shade
- Phlox subulata  
Moss phlox. Bloom times can vary substantially. An extremely tough evergreen.
- Podophyllum peltatum  
Mayapple. Spring ephemeral with white flowers - shade to part sun
- Salvia lyrata  
Lyre-leaved sage. Light blue flowers - commonly seen in lawns
- Stylophorum diphyllum  
Celandine poppy. Spring ephemeral
- Tradescantia sp.  
Spiderwort has an extremely long bloom period (kicking off this month in 2020)
- Vinca sp.  
Vinca major is *not native* & one of my plant nemeses! :( Fun fact: This plant is in the same family as milkweed and amsonia
- Viola bicolor  
Johnny Jump Ups. Spring annual
- Viola pedata  
Bird's foot violet. Bloom time varies substantially by site.
- Viola sororia  
Common blue violet
- Zizia aurea  
Golden alexanders. A host plant for some swallowtail species and a favorite of small insects
- Ferns**
- Dryopteris marginalis  
Eastern wood fern. (New fronds unfurling)
- Polystichum acrostichoides  
Christmas fern (New fronds unfurling)