

# Big Backyard Wildflower Scavenger Hunt



**Spring is here and so are our native woodland wildflowers!** Woodland wildflowers are also called “ephemerals” meaning “only lasting a short time” because they appear before the forest trees leaf out and block the sun. **Can you locate these beauties before they disappear?** Place a check mark next to each flower that you see.





## Best Trails

Grant Park: Red, Brown and Purple Trails

Bill Yeck Park: Red, Blue, Brown, Yellow, Orange and Purple Trails

## While looking, please remember:

- Do not pick spring wildflowers. Unlike summer flowers, they do not survive being picked.
- Watch where you step!
- Photos are a great way to remember what you see!

Native Wildflowers			
	<p><b>Spring Beauty</b></p> <p>Bloom: March-May</p>	<p>Spring Beauty petals reflect light to attract insects. The pink lines are referred to as “bee guides”. The flower closes when there is not much sun.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p><b>Bloodroot</b></p> <p>Bloom: March-April</p>	<p>The roots of this plant contain a red liquid used as face paint by Native Americans. The blooms only last a few days.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p><b>May-Apple</b></p> <p>Bloom: April-May</p>	<p>Used as an insecticide by Native Americans, this plant is deadly if consumed. The only exception is the ripe fruit, which Box Turtles love to eat.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<p><b>Golden Ragwort</b></p> <p>Bloom: March-May</p>	<p>The scientific name is <i>Packera aurea</i>. Aurea comes from the chemical symbol for gold (Au). This flower grows in groups, usually in wet areas.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Native Wildflowers**



**Violets**  
Bloom: April-May

Found in many habitats and colors, violets are a Spring favorite. There are many species of violets occurring in Ohio. Leaves and blossoms of the common blue violet can be eaten and are often placed in salads.



**Wild Ginger**  
Bloom: April-May

The flowers of Wild Ginger are low to the ground, attracting ants, beetles and gnats.



**Trout Lily**  
Bloom: March-April

Named for the trout-like patterning on the leaves, this flower exists in colonies that can be one hundred years old!



**Cutleaf Toothwort**  
Bloom: March-April

This aptly named plant is pollinated by a wide variety of insects. The flowers can range in color from white to slightly pink.



**Wild Blue Phlox**  
Bloom: April-May

This fragrant flower is often seen in bouquets given to mothers since it tends to bloom around Mother's Day.



**Dwarf Larkspur**  
Bloom: April-May

Successful pollination of this flower depends on the ruby-throated hummingbird. Toxins in the plant make it harmful to cattle if eaten.

