

**Wildflowers Found Along the C&O Canal Towpath and Potomac River From Swain's Lock to
Carderock - Where and When They Bloom**

Invasive/non-native plants are marked with a single asterisk. Flowering trees are marked with a double asterisk.

White Flowers

	Blooming Period	Habitat
Bloodroot, <i>Sanguinaria Canadensis</i>	March-May	rich woods
Chickweed, common, <i>Stellaria media</i>	Most of year	woods
Chickweed, field, <i>Cerastium arvense</i>	April-July	woods
Chickweed, star, <i>Stellaria pubera</i>	March-May	rocky places
Cicely, sweet, <i>Osmorhiza claytoni</i>	May-June	moist woods
**Dogwood, <i>Cornus florida</i>	April-May	rich woods, understory
Dutchman's breeches, <i>Dicentra cucullaria</i>	April-May	rich woods, shaded ledges
Fleabane, daisy, <i>Erigeron annuus</i>	May-Oct.	fields, open places
*Honeysuckle, Japanese, <i>Lonicera japonica</i>	April-July	open places
Mayapple, <i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	April-June	rich woods
*Mustard, garlic, <i>Alliaria officinalis</i>	April-June	open woods
Pussytoes, <i>Antennaria neglecta</i>	April-May	open slopes
Rock Cress, lyre-leaved, <i>Arabis lyrata</i>	March-June	rocky, sandy places
Saxifrage, early, <i>Saxifraga virginiana</i>	March-May	rocky places
Spring beauty, <i>Claytonia virginica</i> (primarily a white or whitish flower, but may be light pink)	March-May	moist woods
Squirrelcorn, <i>Dicentra Canadensis</i>	April-May	rich woods, shaded ledges
*Star-of-Bethlehem, nodding, Ornithogalum Nutans	April-May	sunny, open fields
Toothwort, cut-leaved, <i>Dentaria laciniata</i>	April-June	rich woods
Trout-lily, white, <i>Erythronium albidum</i>	April-June	moist woods
Twinleaf, <i>Jeffersonia diphylla</i>	April-May	rich woods
Violet, Canada, <i>Viola canadensis</i>	April-July	rich woods
Waterleaf, Virginia, <i>Hydrophyllum virginianum</i> (flowers usually white, sometimes pale violet)	May-August	rich woods

Yellow-orange flowers

Buttercup, bulbous, <i>Ranunculus bulbosus</i>	April-June	open fields
Coltsfoot, <i>Tussilago farfara</i>	March-June	stream banks, fields
Dandelion, common, <i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	March-Sept.	open fields
Mullein, common, <i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	June-Sept	dry fields, banks
Poppy, celandine, <i>Stylophorum diphyllum</i>	March-May	open woods
Prickly Pear Cactus, <i>Opuntia humifusa</i>	June-August	rocky places
Ragwort, golden, <i>Senecio aureus</i>	May-July	wet meadows, swamps
Trout-lily, <i>Erythronium americanum</i>	March-May	moist woods
Violet, smooth yellow, <i>Viola pensylvanica</i>	April-June	moist woods

Red-pink flowers

Columbine, wild, <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	April-July	rocky places
Geranium, wild, <i>Geranium maculatum</i>	April-June	open woods
**Paw paw, <i>Asimina triloba</i>	April-May	moist woods, river banks
Phlox, moss, <i>Phlox sublata</i>	April-May	rocky slopes
Pink, wild, <i>Silene caroliniana</i>	April-June	rocky woods
**Redbud, <i>Cercis canadensis</i>	April-May	rich woods
Trillium, red/wakerobin, <i>Trillium erectum</i>	April-June	rich woods
Trillium, sessile (toadshade), <i>Trillium sessile</i>	April-June	rich woods

Blue-violet flowers

Bluebells, Virginia, <i>Mertensia virginica</i>	March-May	rich woods, river banks
Bluets, <i>Houstonia caerulea</i>	April-July	woods
Gill-over-the-ground, <i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	April-July	moist places
Henbit, <i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	March-Sept	open places
*Hyacinth, grape, <i>Muscari botryoides</i>	April-May	fields, open places
Larkspur, dwarf, <i>Delphinium tricorne</i>	April-May	woods, rocky slopes
Periwinkle, <i>Vinca minor</i>	March-June	open places, woods
Phlox, blue, <i>Phlox divaricata</i>	April-June	woods
Phlox, downy, <i>Phlox pilosa</i>	May-June	woods, grassy places
**Princess tree, <i>Paulownia tomentosa</i>	April-May	southern US
Rocket, Dame's, <i>Hesperis matronalis</i>	May-July	fields, open places
Speedwell, marsh, <i>Veronica scutellata</i>	May-Sept.	swamps, brooks
Spiderwort, <i>Tradescantia virginiana</i>	April-July	woods, open places
Violet, birdfoot, <i>Viola pedata</i>	April-June	fields, dry woods
Violet, common blue, <i>Viola papilionacea</i>	March-June	woods, clearings

Green-brown flowers

Cabbage, skunk, <i>Symplocarpus foetidus</i>	Feb.-April	swamps
Ginger, wild, <i>Asarum canadense</i>	April-May	rich woods
Jack-in-the-pulpit, <i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	April-June	moist woods

NOTE: this list was compiled by the Nature Committee of the C&O Canal Association. For photos of most of the flowers listed here, go to www.candocanal.org, then click on Photos, then "Guide to Spring Wildflowers," or consult the printed copy of that document at the Great Falls Tavern visitors center.