

Broom-rapes: Orobanchaceae

- ___ Squaw-root *Conopholis americana* **C**; parasitic on oak; blooms in late spring
- ___ Beechdrops *Epifagus virginiana* **C**; parasitic on American Beech; blooms in late summer

Madders: Family Rubiaceae

- ___ Bluets *Houstonia caerulea* **C**; clearings
- ___ Partridge Berry *Mitchella repens* **C**

Asters: Family Asteraceae

- ___ *Common Dandelion *Taraxacum officinale* **C**; native of Eurasia; clearings, disturbed areas
- ___ Round-leaved Ragwort or Running Groundsel *Packera obovatus* **R**
- ___ Golden Ragwort or Heart-leaved Groundsel *Packera aurea* **C**
- ___ *Coltsfoot *Tussilago farfara* **C**; native to Eurasia; disturbed areas
- ___ Field Pussytoes *Antennaria neglecta* **C**; clearings
- ___ Philadelphia Fleabane *Erigeron philadelphicus* **C**; disturbed areas
- ___ *Butterbur *Petasites hybridus* **O**; native to Europe
- ___ Cynthia *Krigia biflora* **O**; clearings

CLASS LILIOPSIDA: MONOCOTYLEDONS

Note: This list does not include the rushes, sedges, and grasses, which also belong to this class.

Arums: Family Araceae

- ___ Skunk Cabbage *Symplocarpus foetidus* **C**; wet areas
- ___ Jack-in-the-Pulpit *Arisaema triphyllum* **C**; includes *Arisaema atrorubens*
- ___ Green Dragon *Arisaema dracontium* **O**

Spiderworts: Family Commelinaceae

- ___ Ohio Spiderwort *Tradescantia ohiensis* **R**

Lillies: Family Liliaceae

- ___ Wild Hyacinth *Camassia scilloides* **C**
- ___ *Glory-of-the-Snow *Chionodoxa forbesii* **R**; native to Eurasia
- ___ *Star-of-Bethlehem *Ornithogalum umbellatum* **C**; native to Europe
- ___ Wild Leek or Ramp *Allium tricoccum* **C**; blooms in summer
- ___ Trout Lily or Dog-toothed Violet *Erythronium americanum* **C**
- ___ White Trout Lily *Erythronium albidum* **O**
- ___ Large-flowered Trillium *Trillium grandiflorum* **C**
- ___ Wake-robin or Red Trillium *Trillium erectum* **O**
- ___ Toadshade or Sessile Trillium *Trillium sessile* **C**
- ___ Drooping Trillium *Trillium flexipes* **C**; both white and red forms occur
- ___ Indian Cucumber-root *Medeola virginiana* **R**
- ___ Sessile-leaved Bellwort *Uvularia sessilifolia* **C**
- ___ Large-flowered Bellwort *Uvularia grandiflora* **C**
- ___ Bellwort *Uvularia perfoliata* **O**
- ___ Fairy Bells or Yellow Mandarin *Prosartes lanuginosum* **O**
- ___ False Solomon's Seal *Maianthemum racemosum* **C**

- ___ Star-flowered Solomon's Seal *Maianthemum stellatum* **R**
- ___ Three-leaved Solomon's Seal *Maianthemum trifolium* **h**
- ___ Canada Mayflower *Maianthemum canadense* **O**
- ___ Hairy Solomon's Seal *Polygonatum pubescens* **C**

Iris: Family Iridaceae

- ___ Northern Blue Flag *Iris versicolor* **R**
- ___ Southern Blue Flag or Prairie Iris *Iris virginica* var. *shrevei* **h**
- ___ *Yellow Iris *Iris pseudacorus* **C**; wetlands; native to Eurasia; invasive
- ___ Slender Blue-eyed Grass *Sisyrinchium angustifolium* **C**;
- ___ Pale Blue-eyed Grass *Sisyrinchium albidum* **R**;

Orchids: Family Orchidaceae

- ___ Cancer root *Orobanche uniflora* **h**
- ___ Early or Northern Coral-root *Corallorhiza trifida* **h**
- ___ Spring Coral-root *Corallorhiza wisteriana* **h**
- ___ Yellow Lady's Slipper *Cypripedium parryiflorum* **R**

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A Checklist of the Spring Woodland Wildflowers of Cleveland Metroparks



As the snow and ice of winter melt away, we look to our woodland wildflowers as a sure sign of spring. The parade of wildflowers begins in March with the blooms of Skunk Cabbage and ends in May when the trees leaf out and shade the forest floor. Some of the best displays of color occur in late April and early May. Many species of wildflowers are declining in Cleveland Metroparks due to browsing by White-tailed Deer.

Date/time: _____

Location: _____

Weather: _____



How To Use This Checklist

The information in this checklist reflects our current understanding of the status of spring woodland wildflowers within Cleveland Metroparks. You can add to our understanding by being a knowledgeable observer. Record your observations and contact a naturalist if you find something of interest.

Species are listed taxonomically. Each species is listed with a common name, a scientific name and a note about its occurrence within Cleveland Metroparks (scientific names follow USDA Plants Database). Check off species that you identify within Cleveland Metroparks. This list includes those species of **woodland wildflowers** that are typically **blooming between March and May**.

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RELATIVE ABUNDANCE

C = Common. Widespread and often numerous in proper habitat and season.

O = Occasional. Found at scattered locations, or widespread but in moderate numbers.

R = Rare. Represented by a few individuals or has a very restricted range within Cleveland Metroparks.

h = Hypothetical. Occurrence within Cleveland Metroparks possible but not confirmed.

X = Extirpated. Once occurred, but is no longer found in Cleveland Metroparks.

*** = Alien or Exotic.** Place of origin given.

NOTICE: Picking or removing wildflowers from Cleveland Metroparks is prohibited, except with a special permit for educational or scientific purposes.

CLASS MAGNOLIOPSIDA: DICOTYLEDONS

Birthworts: Family Aristolochiaceae

___ Wild Ginger *Asarum canadense* **C**

Buttercups: Family Ranunculaceae

___ Marsh Marigold *Caltha palustris* **O**; wet areas

___ White Baneberry *Actea pachypoda* **C**

___ Wood Anemone *Anemone quinquefolia* **O**

___ Round-lobed Hepatica *Hepatica americana* **R**

___ Sharp-lobed Hepatica *Hepatica acutiloba* **O**

___ Hooked Crowfoot *Ranunculus recurvatus* **O**

___ Hispid Buttercup *Ranunculus hispidus* **C**;

includes Swamp Buttercup *R. septentrionalis*

___ Early Buttercup *Ranunculus fascicularis* **O**; dry

woods; may be declining

___ Small-flowered or Kidney-leaved Crowfoot

Ranunculus abortivus **C**

*Tall Buttercup *Ranunculus acris* **C**; native to

Europe; disturbed areas

*Creeping Buttercup *Ranunculus repens* **O**;

native to Europe; disturbed areas

*Lesser Celandine *Ranunculus ficaria* **C**; native

to Eurasia; wet areas; highly invasive

___ Wild Canada Columbine *Aquilegia canadensis* **R**

___ False Rue Anemone *Enemion biternatum* **O**; generally

west of Cuyahoga River

___ Rue Anemone *Thalictrum thalictroides* **O**

___ Early Meadow-rue *Thalictrum dioicum* **C**

___ Golden Seal *Hydrastis canadensis* **R**

Barberries: Family Berberidaceae

___ May-apple *Podophyllum peltatum* **C**

___ Twin-leaf *Jeffersonia diphylla* **O**

___ Blue Cohosh *Caulophyllum thalictroides* **C**

Poppies: Family Papaveraceae

___ Bloodroot *Sanguinaria canadensis* **C**

Fumitories: Family Fumariaceae

___ Dutchman's Breeches *Dicentra cucullaria* **C**

___ Squirrel-corn *Dicentra canadensis* **C**

Purslanes: Family Portulacaceae

___ Spring Beauty *Claytonia virginica* **C**

Pinks: Family Caryophyllaceae

*Common Chickweed *Stellaria media* **C**; native

to Eurasia

___ Star Chickweed *Stellaria pubera* **O**

___ Long-leaved Starwort *Stellaria longifolia* **O**

___ Deptford Pink *Dianthus armeria* **R**; clearings,

disturbed areas

Violets: Family Violaceae

___ Round-leaved Violet *Viola rotundifolia* **R**

___ Arrow-leaved Violet *Viola sagittata* **R**

___ Northern Downy Violet *Viola fimbriatula* **R**

___ Blue Marsh Violet *Viola cucullata* **O**

___ Common Blue Violet *Viola sororia* **C**

includes *V. affinis*, *V. latiuscula*, *V. sororia*, *V. septentrionalis*

___ Early Blue or Wood Violet *Viola palmata* **O**

___ Sweet White Violet *Viola blanda* **C**; includes *V. incognita*

___ Northern White Violet *Viola macloskeyi* **O**; includes *V. pallens*

___ Halberd-leaved Violet *Viola hastata* **O**

___ Downy Yellow Violet *Viola pubescens* **O**

___ Smooth Yellow Violet *Viola pennsylvanica* **C**

Note: Some authorities consider *Viola pennsylvanica*

a form of *V. pubescens*.

___ Canada Violet *Viola canadensis* **O**

___ Pale or Creamy Violet *Viola striata* **C**

___ American Dog Violet *Viola conspersa* **R**

___ Long-spurred Violet *Viola rostrata* **O**

___ Three-lobed Violet *Viola triloba* **R**

___ Field Pansy *Viola arvensis* **R**

Mustards: Family Brassicaceae

*Whitlow-grass *Erophila verna* **O**; native to

Eurasia; clearings, disturbed areas

___ Broad-leaved Toothwort *Cardamine diphylla* **C**;

Cut-leaved or Five-parted Toothwort *Cardamine*

concatenata **C**

___ Spring Cress *Cardamine bulbosa* **O**; formerly called

Cardamine bulbosa

___ Purple or Pink Spring-cress *Cardamine douglassii* **C**

___ Pennsylvania Bitter-cress *Cardamine pennsylvanica* **C**

___ Cuckoo-flower *Cardamine pratensis* **O**

___ Sicklepod *Arabis canadensis* **R**

*Dame's Rocket *Hesperis matronalis* **C**; native to

Eurasia; invasive

*Garlic Mustard *Alliaria petiolaria* **C**; native to

Eurasia; formerly called *Alliaria officinalis*; highly invasive

*Yellow Rocket *Barbarea vulgaris* **C**; native to Eurasia

Heaths: Family Ericaceae

___ Trailing Arbutus *Epigaea repens* **R**

Stonecrops: Family Crassulaceae

___ Wild Stonecrop *Sedum ternatum* **O**

Saxifrages: Family Saxifragaceae

___ Foam-flower *Tiarella cordifolia* **C**

___ Two-leaved Mitrewort *Mitella diphylla* **O**

Roses: Family Rosaceae

*Barren Strawberry *Waldsteinia fragarioides* **R**

___ Wood Strawberry *Fragaria vesca* **O**

___ Wild Strawberry *Fragaria virginiana* **C**

___ Common Cinquefoil *Potentilla simplex* **C**

Peas: Family Fabaceae

*Birdfoot Trefoil *Lotus corniculatus* **C**; native to

Europe; distrubed areas

Sandalwoods: Family Santalaceae

___ Bastard Toad-flax *Comandra umbellata* **R**; found

in dry, sandy or disturbed areas

Polygalas: Family Polygalaceae

___ Seneca Snakeroot *Polygala senega* **h**

Wood Sorrels: Family Oxilidaceae

*Yellow Wood Sorrel *Oxalis europaea* **C**; native to Europe

Geraniums: Family Geraniaceae

___ Wild Geranium *Geranium maculatum* **C**

*Herb-Robert *Geranium robertianum* **O**; native

to Eurasia

___ Carolina Cranesbill *Geranium carolinianum* **h**

Meadow-foams: Family Limnanthaceae

___ False Mermaid *Floerkea proserpinacoides* **C**

Ginsengs: Araliaceae

___ Wild Sarsaparilla *Aralia nudicaulis* **O**

___ American Ginseng *Panax quinquefolius* **R**

___ Dwarf Ginseng *Panax trifolius* **R**

Carrots: Family Apiaceae

*Goutweed *Aegopodium podagraria* **O**; native to Eurasia

___ Yellow Pimpernel *Taenidia integerrima* **R**

___ Golden Alexanders *Zizia aurea* **O**

___ Clustered Snakeroot *Sanicula odorata* **C**

___ Harbinger of Spring *Erigenia bulbosa* **O**

___ Honewort *Cryptotaenia canadensis* **C**

Gentians: Family Gentianeae

___ Pennywort *Obelaria virginica* **h**

Dogbanes: Family Apocynaceae

*Periwinkle *Vinca minor* **C**; native to Europe;

highly invasive

Phloxes: Polemoniaceae

___ Wild Blue or Forest Phlox *Phlox divaricata* **C**

___ Downy or Prairie Phlox *Phlox pilosa* **R**

___ Moss Phlox or Moss Pink *Phlox subulata* **R**

___ Greek Valerian or Jacob's Ladder *Polemonium reptans* **O**

Waterleaves: Family Hydrophyllaceae

___ Virginia Waterleaf *Hydrophyllum virginianum* **O**

___ Maple-leaved Waterleaf *Hydrophyllum canadense* **O**

___ Appendaged Waterleaf *Hydrophyllum appendiculatum* **O**

Borages: Family Boraginaceae

___ Eastern Bluebell *Mertensia virginica* **C**

*True Forget-me-not *Mysotis palustris* **C**; native to Europe

___ Smaller Forget-me-not *Myosotis laxa* **h**

___ Wild Comfrey *Cynoglossum virginianum* **h**

*Hound's Tongue *Cynoglossum officinale* **R**;

native to Eurasia; found in disturbed areas

Mints: Family Lamiaceae

*Gill-over-the-ground *Glechoma hederacea* **C**;

native to Eurasia; disturbed areas

___ Self-heal *Prunella vulgaris* **C**

___ Heal-all *Prunella vulgaris lanceolata*; **R**; native to Eurasia

*Purple Dead-Nettle *Lamium purpureum* **C**; native to Eurasia

*Bugle Weed *Ajuga reptans* **C**; native to Eurasia

Figworts: Family Scrophulariaceae

___ Hairy Beard-tongue *Penstemon hirsutus* **R**; clearings

___ Foxglove Beard-tongue *Penstemon digitalis* **O**; clearings

*Eastern Blue-eyed Mary *Collinsia verna* **O**

*Common Speedwell *Veronica officinalis* **C**; native to Europe

*Persian Speedwell *Veronica persica* **C**; native to Asia

*Thyme-leaved Speedwell *Veronica serpyllifolia* **C**; native

to Europe

___ Wood Betony or Forest Lousewort *Pedicularis canadensis* **R**