

Let's Talk Ephemerals

What is it?

Something that lasts for a very short time; a plant that grows, flowers, and dies in a few days.

Look but don't touch!

It is very important to practice **leave no trace**. If we want to be able to come back and visit these special plants we must leave them be. Many wildflowers are protected and are illegal to collect.

Tips for a Successful ID

Pay attention to these important characteristics to help identify plants!

Shape

Is the plant spread across the ground or does it grow upright?

Height

How far off the ground is it?

Location

Is it in a prairie, a wooded area, or a yard?

Site Characteristics

Is the soil moist or dry? How much sun is there?

Get Involved

Woldumar Nature Association is a membership based, non-profit community organization. Join us as we strive to fulfill our mission:

To educate people about the natural environment.

Membership dues and additional donations ensure we can continue to provide quality environmental education programs for everyone, always. Your contribution helps maintain the trails and facilities so that the community can continue to enjoy this beautiful green space.

Stay Curious

With over 180 acres of diverse habitats to explore all year round, Woldumar is full of opportunities to spot something new! Take a stroll, check out a community event, enroll a child in camp. Woldumar truly is for the naturally curious!

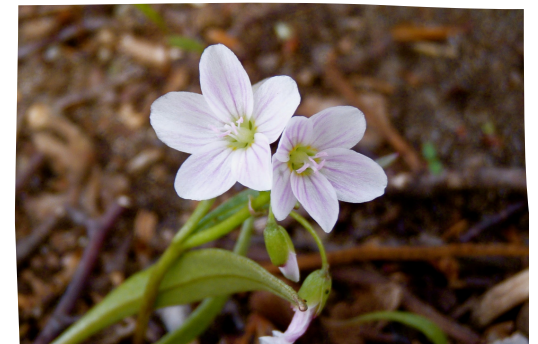
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Seasonal Field Guide: Spring Wildflowers



Enjoy discovering the treasures blooming around Woldumar!



Bloodroot

Bears one white flower with a golden-orange center. Name comes from the reddish sap made in the roots.

Height: Up to 10"

Location: Usually in rich deciduous forests and floodplain forests.

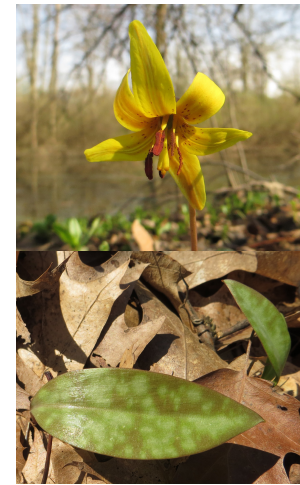


Skunk Cabbage

A maroon flower emerges before the leaves, as early as February. The smell is what gives this plant its name.

Height: 1 - 2 feet

Location: Moist habitats.



Trout Lily

Distinct brownish spotted leaves support a nodding yellow flower. Flowering Trout Lilys have two leaves, while non-flowering only have one.

Height: 4 - 10"

Location: Rich woods and meadows.

Cutleaf Toothwort

Has clusters of white or pink flowers with four petals. Slender leaves are coarsely toothed, and whorled in threes.

Height: 8 - 16"

Location: Moist low woodlands.



Spring Beauty

A low plant with loose clusters of pink or white flowers with darker pink stripes. Striping helps guide bees towards the pollen. The leaves are grass like.

Height: 6 - 12"

Location: Moist woods, clearings, and lawns.

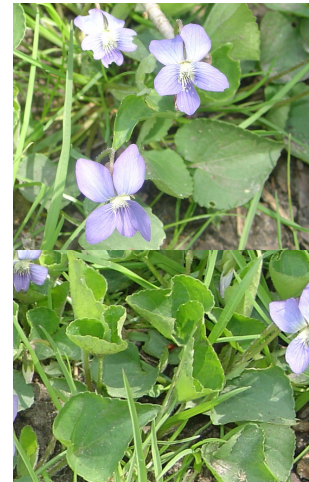


Common Blue Violet

A low growing plant with purple or whitish flowers with five petals and heart-shaped leaves.

Height: 3 - 8"

Location: Damp woods, meadows and lawns.



Dutchman's Breeches

Clusters of white, pantaloon-shaped flowers on a leafless stalk. Has feathery, fern-like leaves.

Height: 4 - 12"

Location: Rich woods.



Trillium

Three white petals surrounding three large leaves in a whorled fashion. With over 39 native species in the US, the 3 & 3 pairing makes them easy to identify.

Height: 8 - 18"

Location: Rich woods.



Wild Columbine

A red nodding flower with yellow interior that has upward tubular petals. The stem is sparsely branched. A favorite plant of hummingbirds.

Height: 1 - 2 feet

Location: Rocky, wooded, or open spaces.