

Spring Wildflowers

Spring begins with the pale blue prairie crocus (*Pasqueflower*) often peeking through late winter snows. Soon the crocuses are surrounded in a sea of green grasses splashed with subtle hints of lavenders, yellows, blue and pink spring wildflowers.

Common Blue-Violet Flowers



Prairie Crocus (*Pulsatilla patens*)

Blooms: April

Habitat: Prairies



Blue-eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium montanum*)

Blooms: Early May –early June

Habitat: Prairies



Blue Prairie Violet (*Viola* spp.)

Blooms: Late April – late May

Habitat: Prairies, woodlands



Purple Locoweed (*Oxytropis lambertii*)

Blooms: Early May –June

Habitat:

Other common blue-purple spring wildflowers:

Missouri Milkvetch (*Astragalus missouriensis*)

Slender Beardtongue (*Pentstemon gracilis*)

Crested Beardtongue (*Pentstemon eriantherus*)

Common Yellow Flowers



Yellow Violet (*Viola sp.*)

Blooms: Mid April – late May

Habitat: Prairies



Golden Alexander (*Zizia aurea*)

Blooms: Late April – mid June

Habitat: Wet meadows

Other common yellow spring wildflowers:

Marsh Marigold (*Caltha palustris*)

Common White Spring Flowers



White Beardtongue (*Penstemon albidus*)

Blooms: Early May – early June

Habitat: Upland prairies



White Violet (*Viola sp.*)

Blooms: Late April – late May

Habitat: Woods



Fleabane (*Erigeron philadelphicus*)

Blooms: Late April-early June

Habitat: Prairies

Other common white spring wildflowers:

Hood's phlox (*Phlox hoodii*)

Prairie Chickweed (*Cerastrium arvense*)

Common Pink and Red Spring Flowers



Columbine(*Aquilegia canadensis*)

Blooms: Early May – mid June

Habitat: Open woods



Torch Flower (*Geum triflorum*)

Blooms: Mid April – early June

Habitat: Upland prairies

Other common pink and red spring wildflowers:

American vetch (*Vicia Americana*)

Scarlet Gaura (*Gaura coccinea*)