



Native Wildflower Checklist for Youth Art Contest

Did you know that Shenandoah National Park protects more than 850 flowering plants and their habitat? Seventy percent of these are native. Native plants—from large, showy trillium to the delightful Dutchman’s breeches to fantastic lady’s slipper orchids—are important to native pollinating insects, such as bees, butterflies and moths. The plants are connected to a wide-ranging network of fungi and other underground soil components.

Many of our native plants bloom in the spring: they can’t take the strong summer sunlight. As leaf buds open on trees at the lowest, warmest elevations in the springtime, they shade the forest floor, making it too dark for many flowering plants. So week by week, wildflowers bloom farther and farther up the mountainsides, keeping ahead of the advancing shade. The last trees at the highest elevations are fully leafed out by the end of May, and the spring wildflower season ends. But before long, a host of sun-loving summer flowers will start to bloom!

For this contest, **artists must select subjects from the following native spring wildflower species.** Artists are encouraged to research and learn more about their particular wildflower subjects.

Entries must represent one or more of the following species:

Allegheny Stonecrop (*Hylotelephium telephioides*)

Annual Fleabane (*Erigeron annuus*)

Appalachian Gooseberry (*Ribes rotundifolium*)

Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*)

Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*)

Blue-Eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium spp.*)

Bluets (*Houstonia caerulea*)

Canada Mayflower (*Maianthemum canadense*)

Chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*)

Common Star Chickweed (*Stellaria pubera*)

Common Strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*)

Coral Honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*)

Cut-Leaf Toothwort (*Cardamine concatenata*)

Dutchman’s Breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*)

Dwarf Cinquefoil (*Potentilla canadensis*)

Dwarf Crested Iris (*Iris cristata*)

Downy Serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea*)

Early Buttercup (*Ranunculus Fascicularis*)

Early Saxifrage (*Micranthes virginensis*)

Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)

Fringed Polygala (*Polygala paucifolia*)

Goats Beard (*Aruncus dioicus*)

Golden Alexanders (*Zizia aurea*)

Golden Ragwort (*Packera aurea*)

Hawthorn (*Crataegus spp.*)
Jack-in-the-Pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*)
Large-Flowered Trillium (*Trillium grandiflorum*)
Leatherwood (*Diras palustris*)
Lettuce Saxifrage (*Micranthes micranthidifolia*)
Long-Bracted Orchid (*Dactylorhiza viridis*)
Lyreleaf Rockcress (*Arabidopsis lyrata*)
Marsh Marigold (*Caltha palustris*)
Mayapple (*Podophyllum peltatum*)
Minnie Bush (*Menziesia pilosa*)
Miterwort (*Mitella diphylla*)
Moss Phlox (*Phlox subulata*)
Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*)
One-Flowered Cancerroot (*Orobanche uniflora*)
Painted Trillium (*Trillium undulatum*)
Perfoliate Bellwort (*Uvularia perfoliata*)
Pink Lady's Slipper (*Cypripedium acaule*)
Pinxter Flower (*Rhododendron periclymenoides*)
Purple Clematis (*Clematis occidentalis*)
Pussytoes (*Antennaria spp.*)
Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)
Rose Azalea (*Rhododendron prinophyllum*)
Rosy Twisted Stalk (*Streptopus lanceolatus*)
Roundleaf Ragwort (*Packera obovata*)
Round-lobed Hepatica (*Anemone americana*)
Rue Anemone (*Thalictrum thalictroides*)
Sessile Bellwort (*Uvularia sessilifolia*)
Showy Orchid (*Galearis spectabilis*)
Skunk Cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*)
Small Whorled Pogonia (*Isotria medeoloides*)
Smooth Serviceberry (*Amelanchier laevis*)
Solomon's Seal (*Polygonatum spp.*)
Spiderwort (*Tradescantia virginiana*)
Spring Beauty (*Claytonia virginica*)
Trailing Arbutus (*Epigaea repens*)
Upland Low Blueberry (*Vaccinium pallidum*)
Vernal Iris (*Iris verna*)
Virginia Bluebell (*Mertensia virginica*)
Violets (*Viola spp.*)
– Birdsfoot (*V. pedata*)
– Canada (*V. canadensis*)
– Nothern Blue (*V. sororia*)
– Striped Cream (*V. striata*)
– Downy Yellow (*V. pubescens*)
– Marsh Blue (*V. cucullata*)
– Southern Wood (*V. hirsutula*)
– Sweet White (*V. blanda*)
– Wood (*V. palmata*)
Wake Robin (*Trillium erectum*)
Wild Bleeding Heart (*Dicentra eximia*)
Wild Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)
Wild Geranium (*Geranium maculatum*)
Wild Ginger (*Asarum canadense*)
Wild Pink (*Silene caroliniana*)
Wild Stonecrop (*Sedum ternatum*)
Wood Anemone (*Anemone quinquefolia*)
Wood Betony (*Pedicularis canadensis*)
Yellow Clintonia (Bluebead Lily) (*Clintonia borealis*)
Yellow Corydalis (*Corydalis flavula*)
Yellow Lady's Slipper (*Cypripedium parviflorum*)
Yellow Stargrass (*Hypoxis hirsuta*)
Yellow Trout Lily (*Erythronium americanum*)