

NATIVE WILDFLOWERS FOR SHADE

The wildflowers on this list all bloom in the early spring and are low growing with one exception -- Black Cohosh blooms in July and has white racemes up to five feet tall.

All of these plants grow naturally deep in the woods, thus they require similar conditions like shade and moist soil that is rich in humus (rotted leaves and bark). When the leaves fall in autumn, let them rest where they land; they will provide food for your beautiful spring blooms.

WILDFLOWERS			
Common Name	Botanical Name	Blooming Color	Comments
Green Dragon	<i>Arisaema dracontium</i>		Clump of red berries in the fall
Jack-in-the-Pulpit	<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>		Clump of red berries in the fall
Wild Ginger	<i>Asarum canadense</i>		Spreads
Toothwort	<i>Cardamine diphylla</i>	White	Forms green colonies in winter
Black Cohosh	<i>Cimicifuga racemosa</i>	White in July	
Wintergreen	<i>Gaultheria procumbens</i>	White (July)	Evergreen groundcover - red berries in winter
Wild Geranium	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Purplish-pinkish	
Hepatica	<i>Hepatica acutiloba</i>	White	
Twinleaf	<i>Jeffersonia diphylla</i>	White	
Virginia Bluebells	<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Pink buds, blue flowers	
Partridge Berry	<i>Mitchella repens</i>	White (June)	Evergreen groundcover - red berries in winter
Bishop's Cap	<i>Mitella diphylla</i>	White	Leaves similar to foamflower
Blue Phlox	<i>Plox divaricata</i>	Pale blue	Very fragrant
Mayapple	<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	White	Grows in colonies
Jacob's Ladder	<i>Polemonium reptans</i>	Purple	
Solomon's Seal	<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>	White	
Bloodroot	<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>	White	
Stonecrop	<i>Sedum ternatum</i>	White	
Solomon's Plume	<i>Smilacina racemosa</i>		
Indian Pnk	<i>Spigelia marilandica</i>	Red in May & June	
Wood Poppy	<i>Stylophorum diphyllum</i>	Yellow	
Rue Anemone	<i>Thalictrum thalictroides</i>	White	
Foamflower	<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	White	