

Blue Ridge Parkway Bloom Calendar

Common Name	Scientific Name	Description	Bloom Color	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Where to Find?
Trout Lily	<i>Erythronium americanum</i>	Wildflower	yellow	•	•	•						Moist woodlands and streambanks
Spring beauty	<i>Claytonia caroliniana</i>	Wildflower	pink	•	•	•						Moist, open woods with partial shade
Bloodroot	<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>	Wildflower	white	•	•	•						Lightly-shaded woodlands
Little brown jug	<i>Hexastylis arifolia</i>	Wildflower	purple/brown	•	•	•						Low to mid-elevation woodlands
Halberd-leaved yellow violet	<i>Viola hastata</i>	Wildflower	yellow	•	•	•						Open woods and humus-rich ravines
Trailing arbutus	<i>Epigaea repens</i>	Low shrub	pink	•	•	•						Moist shady woods, acid soils
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	Tree	white	•	•	•						Thickets, open woods, roadsides
Eastern redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Tree	pink	•	•	•						Open woodlands and roadsides
Jack-in-the-pulpit	<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	Wildflower	green/purple	•	•	•	•					Rich, moist, deciduous woods
Bluets	<i>Houstonia caerulea</i>	Wildflower	blue		•	•	•					Moist open woods with acidic soils
Red trillium/wake robin	<i>Trillium erectum</i>	Wildflower	reddish-brown		•	•						Middle to high-elevation open woods
Virginia bluebell	<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Wildflower	blue/white		•	•						Moist woodlands and streamsides
Star chickweed	<i>Stelaria pubera</i>	Wildflower	white		•	•						Widespread; low to mid-elevations
Squirrel corn	<i>Dicentra canadensis</i>	Wildflower	white		•	•						Deciduous woodlands, rock outcrops
Showy orchis	<i>Galearis spectabilis</i>	Wildflower	lavender/white		•	•						Rich, moist woods and trailsides
Dwarf crested iris	<i>Iris cristata</i>	Wildflower	lavender		•	•						Moist woods, ravines, streamsides
Fringed phacelia	<i>Phacelia fimbriata</i>	Wildflower	white		•	•						Moist woods, mid- to upper-elevations
Flowering dogwood	<i>Cornus florida</i>	Tree	white		•	•						Forest understory, woods edge, roadsides
Great white trillium	<i>Trillium grandiflorum</i>	Wildflower	white		•	•						Moist woods and slopes
Dutchman's breeches	<i>Dicentra cucullaria</i>	Wildflower	white		•	•						Rich, moist woods and streambanks
False Solomon's seal	<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i>	Wildflower	white		•	•						Widespread; moist woodlands
Cut-leaved toothwort	<i>Cardamine concatenata</i>	Wildflower	white		•	•						Rich woods, streamsides, rocky banks
Wild geranium	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Wildflower	pink/purple		•	•						Rich, moist or dry woods
Bellwort	<i>Uvularia puberula</i>	Wildflower	yellow		•	•						Dry to moist woods
Fraser magnolia	<i>Magnolia fraseri</i>	Tree	white		•	•						Rich, moist forests
Pinxter flower	<i>Rhododendron periclymenoides</i>	Shrub	pink		•	•						Moist woods with dappled shade
White baneberry	<i>Actaea pachypoda</i>	Wildflower	white		•	•						Rich shady woods
Solomon's seal	<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>	Wildflower	white		•	•	•					Shady, rich or rocky woods and streambanks
Mayapple	<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	Wildflower	white		•	•	•					Widespread; moist, hardwood forests
Carolina sweetshrub	<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>	Shrub	dark red		•	•	•					Well-drained soils; sun to deep shade
Foamflower	<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	Wildflower	white		•	•	•					Moist woods and streambanks
Fire pink	<i>Silene virginica</i>	Wildflower	red		•	•	•					Dry, rocky slopes; roadsides
Hooked buttercup	<i>Ranunculus recurvatus</i>	Wildflower	yellow		•	•	•					Moist, deciduous forests
Mountain laurel	<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	Shrub	white/pink		•	•	•					Rocky slopes; mountain forests; roadsides
Golden ragwort	<i>Packera aurea</i>	Wildflower	yellow		•	•	•	•				Forests; ravines; roadsides
Pink lady's slipper	<i>Cypripedium acaule</i>	Wildflower	pink		•	•	•	•				Pine forests and deciduous woods
Galax	<i>Galax urceolata</i>	Wildflower	white			•	•					Open woodlands
Pipsissewa/Spotted wintergreen	<i>Chimaphila maculata</i>	Wildflower	white			•	•					Shady woodlands; well-drained soils
Flame azalea	<i>Rhododendron calendulaceum</i>	Shrub	orange			•	•	•				Dry, rocky woods
Black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Wildflower	yellow			•	•	•				Roadsides; sunny, open meadows
Wild hydrangea	<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i>	Shrub	white			•	•	•				Moist hardwood forests; streamsides
Goatsbeard	<i>Aruncus dioicus</i>	Wildflower	white			•	•	•				Moist woodlands
Queen Anne's lace	<i>Daucus carota</i>	Wildflower	white			•	•	•	•	•	•	Open fields; roadsides
Rosebay rhododendron	<i>Rhododendron maximum</i>	Shrub	white/pink				•	•				Open woodlands and slopes; organic soils
Catawba rhododendron	<i>Rhododendron catawbiense</i>	Shrub	pink/purple				•	•				Mid- to high-elevation woodlands and ridges
Sourwood	<i>Oxydendrum arboreum</i>	Tree	white				•	•				Hardwood forests; acidic soils
Rattlesnake plantain	<i>Goodyera pubescens</i>	Wildflower	white				•	•	•			Widespread; moist to dry deciduous forests
Eastern teaberry	<i>Gaultheria procumbens</i>	Wildflower	white/pink				•	•	•			Open pine and hardwood forests
Greater tickseed	<i>Coreopsis major</i>	Wildflower	yellow				•	•	•			Dry, open woods; roadsides

Common jewelweed	<i>Impatiens capensis</i>	Wildflower	orange	•	•	•	•	Moist woods, ditches, creeks
Indian pipe	<i>Monotropa uniflora</i>	Wildflower	white	•	•	•	•	Moist forests; heavy shade; rich soils
Yellow fringed orchid	<i>Platanthera ciliaris</i>	Wildflower	orange		•	•	•	Moist meadows; open woodlands; roadsides
Crane-fly orchid	<i>Tipularia discolor</i>	Wildflower	purple/brown		•	•	•	Moist woods; well-drained soils
Pink turtlehead	<i>Chelone lyonni</i>	Wildflower	pink		•	•	•	High elevation forests; streambanks
Joe-pye-weed	<i>Eutrochium fistulosum</i>	Wildflower	purple		•	•	•	Open fields; roadsides
Cardinal flower	<i>Loebelia cardinalis</i>	Wildflower	red		•	•	•	Streamside thickets; roadside ditches
Cutleaf coneflower	<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	Wildflower	yellow		•	•	•	Wet woods; streamsides
White wood aster	<i>Eurybia divaricata</i>	Wildflower	white			•	•	Dry open woods; clearings; roadsides
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago</i> spp.	Wildflower	yellow			•	•	Open fields; roadsides
American witch-hazel	<i>Hamamelis virginiana</i>	Shrub	yellow				•	Woods edges; streambanks