

# THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL ARBORETUM

## *What's Blooming?*

### **AVERAGE BLOOMING DATES**

Our horticulturists report that the following plants are especially interesting during this time period. The location charts are in alphabetical order according to the Garden/Collection name found in the Arboretum's Visitor Guide. We invite you to discover and to enjoy these ornamental plants. Please help us preserve these important research and exhibit plants by not collecting any material, living or dead, during your visit.

### **Year-Round Interest**

Asian Valley in the Asian Collections, Friendship Garden, National Bonsai & Penjing Museum, National Boxwood Collection, Gotelli Dwarf and Slow-Growing Conifer Collection, Knot Garden in the National Herb Garden, Morrison Garden in the Azalea Collections, Holly and Magnolia Collections

### **January & February**

Witch-hazels, conifer foliage and cones, hollies in fruit, Japanese apricot, wintersweet, sweet-box, winter jasmine

### **March**

**2nd week:** Early bulbs, winter-hazel, wintersweet, sweet-box, cornelian-cherries

**3rd week:** Japanese-andromeda, winter jasmine, pussy willows

**4th week:** Daffodils, woodland wildflowers, flowering cherries

### **April**

**1st week:** Daffodils, crocuses, early magnolias, Korean azalea, Japanese-andromeda, forsythias, cornelian-cherries, woodland wildflowers, epimediums, flowering cherries, arisaemas

**2nd week:** Daffodils, crocuses, early magnolias, Korean azalea, Japanese-andromeda, forsythias, early azaleas, Oconee-bells, epimediums, flowering cherries, arisaemas

**3rd week:** Daffodils, magnolias, Japanese-andromeda, forsythias, Japanese-quince, early crabapples, flowering cherries, azaleas, woodland wildflowers, spring-blooming camellias, flowering cherries, redbuds, arisaemas

**4th week:** Magnolias, crabapples, azaleas, early rhododendrons, daffodils, Japanese-quince, arisaemas, woodland wildflowers, spring-blooming camellias, flowering cherries, lilacs, viburnums

### **May**

**1st week:** Early rhododendrons, azaleas, flowering dogwoods, crabapples, late-flowering cherries, Japanese-quince, Asian magnolia, woodland wildflowers, tree peonies, lilacs, dove-tree, species roses, spring-blooming camellias

**2nd week:** Late azaleas, rhododendrons, sweet bay, tree peonies, tulip-tree, black locust, herbaceous peonies, woodland wildflowers, herbs, old garden roses, lilacs



**3rd week:** Late azaleas, rhododendrons, mountain-laurels, southern magnolias, sweet bay, Chinese dogwood, herbaceous peonies, herbs, old garden roses

**4th week:** Chinese dogwood, mountain-laurels, southern magnolias, sweet bay, lilies, old garden roses, herbs, herbaceous peonies, fringe-tree

## June

**1st week:** Satsuki azaleas, southern magnolias, mountain-laurels, southern catalpa, fringe-tree, arrowwood viburnum, lilies, day-lilies, herbs, annuals, water-lilies, Chinese dogwood, rhododendrons, firethorn

**2nd week:** Mountain-laurels, linden viburnum, rosebay, goldenrain-tree, day-lilies, herbs, annuals, water-lilies

## Late June to early July

Butterfly-weed, meadow and prairie flowers, water-lilies, annuals, herbs, hydrangeas

## July

Water-lilies, hibiscus, crapemyrtles, conifers, daylilies, boxwood, herbs, annuals, sweet pepperbush, pepper collection, meadow and prairie wildflowers, hostas, hydrangeas

## August

Water-lilies, hibiscus, crapemyrtles, conifers, boxwood, herbs, annuals, sweet pepperbush, pepper collection, meadow and prairie wildflowers, cardinal-flower, plum-leaf azalea, hostas, hydrangeas

## September

Firethorn in fruit, hibiscus, viburnums in fruit, autumn crocuses, boxwood, crapemyrtles, herbs, annuals, holly osmanthus, pepper collection, hostas

## Late September into early October

Meadow flowers, herbs, annuals

## October

Fall foliage, firethorn in fruit, hibiscus, autumn crocuses, water-lilies, crapemyrtles, viburnums in fruit, conifer foliage and cones, dogwoods in fruit, boxwood, herbs, annuals, ornamental grasses, native witch-hazels, fall blooming camellias, toad-lilies, chrysanthemums

## November

Conifer foliage and cones, dogwoods in fruit, viburnums in fruit, ornamental grasses, fall foliage, fall blooming camellias, chrysanthemums, native witch-hazels

## December

Hollies in fruit, heavenly-bamboo in fruit, conifer foliage and cones, Japanese apricot, wintersweet (in mild weather)

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