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Identifying Wildflowers in Midland County

Early Spring wildflowers

This is the season for viewing some of the rarest of the native wildflowers. From early April through June, depending on the weather (rain and temperature), there is a show of dainty flowers. Some are eaten by deer and rabbits, so they are not as widespread as they once were. Some are dependent on habitat and are seldom seen.

Use the website PereMarquetteWildflowers.com to help you identify flowers that you see and to learn where to look for them.

Here is a partial list of noteworthy flowers during the early and mid- spring days in Midland County.

Hepatica (Liver Leaf)	Shooting Star	Slender Plantain
Wood Anemone	Whitlow Grass	Early Buttercup
Pussytoes	Trailing Arbutus	Yellow Cress
Jack in the Pulpit	Trout Lily	Bloodroot
Wild Ginger	Wild or Woodland Strawberry	Skunk Cabbage
Marsh Marigold	Twinleaf	Early Meadow Rue
Spring Cress	Virginia Bluebells	Rue Anemone
Cutleaf Toothwort	Mitrewort	Snow Trillium
Blue Cohosh	Wood Sorrel	Bellwort
Spring Beauty	Wild Blue Phlox	White, Blue and Yellow Violets
Dutchmen's Breeches		

*About our
website*

PereMarquetteWildflowers.com

A group of volunteers (not botanists) from local Garden Clubs, Wild Ones, Master Gardeners and interested citizens identified wildflowers along the Pere Marquette Rail Trail starting in 2012.

These sightings and accompanying photos have become a Website for your use. Visit peremarquettewildflowers.com to see what is blooming each month and by each mile of the Rail Trail.

Available on your smart phone, this website lets you filter by month or mile or flower color to see what has been discovered. You can also search by common or botanical name.

All seasons have interesting blooms and you can see them!

If you see a flower that is not listed, you can submit it with a picture and explanation of where and when you saw it so that it can be added to the database. You can also comment on any flower if you think it is misidentified or have a question.

There is also a weekly Blog during bloom season (roughly March or April until October or November) describing what is currently in bloom and what to expect in the next few weeks.

Last year, we added Chippewa Nature Center, the four Little Forks Conservancy properties, the Hospital Wellness Trails and some city and county parks (Pine Haven, City Forest, Veteran's Memorial Park.). As flowers are identified in these venues, the information is added to the website.

Help us improve the website, Join the conversation

Check out the flowers

Go to the website and look at the flowers identified. Read the blog and set out on a discovery journey.

Visit a park or the rail trail

See if you can find any of the flowers that are blooming elsewhere. Remember there are microclimates so bloom time varies in different locations.

Let us know what you see

Comment on the Blog or individual flowers or use the Contact Us button to let us know what you are seeing and doing.

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