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Average Blooming Dates

Year-Round Interest

Asian Valley in the Asian Collections, Friendship Garden, National Bonsai and 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, Japanese-andromeda, forsythias, cornelian-cherries, woodland wildflowers, epimediums, flowering cherries, arisaemas

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

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

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

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, daylilies, herbs, annuals, water-lilies, Chinese dogwood, rhododendrons, firethorn

2nd week: Mountain-laurels, linden viburnum, rosebay, goldenrain-tree, daylilies, 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)