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FLOWER CALENDAR

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While the exact time of a plant's first appearance cannot be definitely foretold a grouping by calendar months will be found approximately correct from year to year.

The facts in this bulletin should afford a convenient aid toward naming the common Rhode Island flowers as well as determining when and where they may be found.

The arrangement is based on data secured during the past eight years from our Flower Table.

The scientific names are from Gray's Manual of Botany, 7th edition.

Tassels of Tag Alder, Birch, Poplars and Willows are Spring's earliest signs of awakening life in March. The Maples and Elms blossom in April.

MARCH FLOWERS.

Name	Color	Habitat	In bloom thru
Chickweed	White	Lawns	November
Stellaria media			
Choke-berry	"	Swamps; wet woods	May
Pyrus arbutifolia			
Plantain-leaved Everlasting	"	Dry open woods	June
Antennaria plantaginifolia			
Squirrel Corn	"	Rich woods	June
Dicentra canadensis			
Wake Robin	"	Rich woods	June
Trillium cernuum			
Rue Anemone	"	Hillsides	June
Anemone thalictroides			
Dandelion	Yellow	Waste places; lawns	November
Taraxacum officinale			
Yellow Adder's Tongue	"	Moist woods	May
Erythronium americanum			
Spice Bush	"	Rich soil	April
Benzoine aestivale			
Spring Beauty	Pink	Moist woods	May
Claytonia virginica			

Hepatica	Blue	Woods	May
Hepatica triloba			
Dog Violet	"	Wet, shady soil	May
Viola conspersa			
Gill-over-the-ground	"	Waste places	May
Glecoma hederacea			
Skunk Cabbage	Reddish	Swamps	April
Symplocarpus foetidus			

APRIL FLOWERS.

Name	Color	Habitat	In bloom thru
Wood Anemone	White	Hillsides	June
Anemone quinquefolia			
Shad Bush	"	Swamp	May
Amelanchier canadensis			
Baneberry	"	Woods	June
Actaea alba			
Water Arum	"	Bogs	June
Calla palustris			
Choke Cherry	"	River banks	May
Prunus virginiana			
Dutchman's Breeches	"	Woods	May
Dicentra cucullaria			
Bloodroot	"	Rich woods	May
Sanquinaria canadensis			
Dogwood	"	Woods	June
Cornus florida			
White Violet	"	Swamps; wet meadows	May
Viola blanda			
Shepherd's Purse	"	Fields; waste places	November
Capsella Bursa-pastoris			
Wild Lilly of the Valley	"	Moist woods	July
Maianthemum canadense			
Solomon's Seal	"	Woods	July
Polygonatum biflorum			
Early Saxifrage	"	Rich, rocky soil	May
Saxifraga virginensis			
Round-leaved Violet	Yellow	Dry woods	May
Viola rotundifolia			
Yellow Violet	"	Swamps; wet meadows	July
Viola pubescens			
Golden Groundsel	"	Dry woods	September
Senecio aureus			
Yellow Pond Lily	"	Ponds	May
Nymphaea advena			
Wood Betony	"	Damp meadows	August
Pedicularis canadensis			
Cynthia	"	Dry, open woods	August
Krigia virginica			
Marsh Marigold	"	Swamps	May
Caltha palustris			
Arbutus	Pink	Dry woods	May
Epigaea repens			
Wild Geranium	"	Woods	July
Geranium maculatum			
Robin's Plantain	Blue	Hills and banks	June
Erigeron pulchellus			
Birdfoot Violet	"	Dry hillsides	June
Viola pedata			
Common Blue Violet	"	Open, grassy places	July
Viola cucullata			

Bluets	Blue	Dry woods	May
Houstonia caerulea			
Columbine	Red	Rocky woods	July
Aquilegia canadensis			
Early Meadow Rue	Green	Woods	May
Thalictrum dioicum			
Jack-in-the-pulpit	"	Moist woods	June
Arisaema triphyllum			

MAY FLOWERS.

Name	Color	Habitat	In bloom thru
Dewberry	White	Woods, pastures	June
Rubus villosus			
Cornel	"	Moist soil	July
Cornus stolonifera			
White Daisy	"	Fields and meadows	October
Chrysanthemum Leucanthemum			
Wild Sarsaparilla	"	Woods	June
Aralia nudicaulis			
Star Flower	"	Damp woods	June
Trientalis americana			
Painted Trillium	"	Woods	June
Trillium undulatum			
High Bush Huckleberry	"	Woods	June
Gaylussacia resinosa			
Partridge Berry	"	Woods	June
Mitchella repens			
Sweet Cicely	"	Woods	June
Osmorhiza brevistylis			
Daisy Fleabane	"	Fields, roadsides	November
Erigeron annuus			
False Solomon Seal	"	Moist woods	July
Smilacina racemosa			
Bastard Toadflax	"	Dry open woods	June
Comandra umbellata			
Yarrow	"	Waste places; roadsides	November
Achillea Millefolium			
Common Wood Sorrel	Yellow	Cold damp woods	July
Oxalis Acetosella			
Common Cinquefoil	"	Roadsides; fields	September
Potentilla canadensis			
Black-eyed Susan	"	Fields; meadows	September
Rudbeckia hirta			
Clintonia	"	Moist woods	June
Clintonia borealis			
Barberry	"	Banks; roadsides	June
Berberis vulgaris			
Sheep Sorrel	"	Fields; roadsides	September
Rumex Acetosella			
Early Buttercup	"	Woods; fields	May
Ranunculus fascicularis			
Bulbous Buttercup	"	Fields; roadsides	July
Ranunculus bulbosus			
Tall Buttercup	"	Fields; meadows	September
Ranunculus acris			
Black Mustard	"	Fields; waste places	November
Brassica nigra			
Charlock	"	Fields; waste places	November
Brassica arvensis			

Flowering Grass Carex pennsylvanica	Yellow	Dry soil	June
Hop Clover Trifolium agrarium	"	Fields; waste places	September
Yellow Bellwort Uvularia perfoliata	"	Rich woods	May
Celandine Chelidonium majus	"	Roadsides	August
Yellow Star Grass Hypoxis erecta	"	Dry soil	October
Cypress Spurge Euphorbia Cyparissias	"	Roadsides	September
Seaside Spurge Euphorbia polygonifolia	"	Sandy shores	September
Pink Lady's Slipper Cypripedium acaule	Pink	Damp woods	June
Alsike Clover Trifolium hybridum	"	Fields; meadows	October
Purple Azalea Rhododendron nudiflorum	"	Swamps	July
Cranberry Vaccinium macrocarpon	"	Bogs	July
Blue Toadflax Linaria canadensis	Blue	Sandy roadsides	November
Larger Blue Flag Iris versicolor	"	Moist meadows	June
Indian Cucumber Root Medeola virginiana	Red	Moist woods	June
Purple Avens Geum rivale	Purple	Moist soil	July

JUNE FLOWERS.

Name	Color	Habitat	In bloom thru
Wild Carrot Daucus carota	White	Fields; meadows	September
Indian Pipe Monotropa uniflora	"	Moist, rich woods	August
Pipsissewa Chimaphila umbellata	"	Dry woods	August
Meadow-sweet Spiraea salicifolia	"	Low meadows	August
Shin-leaf Pyrola elliptica	"	Rich, dry woods	August
Bunchberry Cornus canadensis	"	Low woods	July
Mayweed Anthemis Cotula	"	Fields; waste places	November
One-flowered Pyrola Moneses uniflora	"	Cool woods	August
Enchanter's Nightshade Circaea lutetiana	"	Shady woods	August
Bladder Campion Silene latifolia	"	Farm land	September
Long-leaved Stitchwort Stellaria longifolia	"	Grassy places	July
Marsh Bell Flower Campanula aparinoides	"	River banks	August
Spotted Wintergreen Chimaphila maculata	"	Rich woods	August
White Melilot Melilotus alba	"	Waste places	September

Agrimony	Yellow	Waste places	August
Agrimonia gryposepala			
Butter and Eggs	"	Roadsides	October
Linaria vulgaris			
Common Evening Primrose	"	Dry soil	October
Oenothera biennis			
Common St. Johnswort	"	Fields; waste places	September
Hypericum perforatum			
Whorled Loosestrife	"	Thickets	August
Lysimachia quadrifolia			
Wild Indigo	"	Dry, waste places	August
Baptisia tinctoria			
Common Mullein	"	Dry soil	September
Verbascum thapsus			
Yellow Melilot	"	Waste places	August
Melilotus officinalis			
Rattlesnake Weed	"	Dry, open woods	September
Hieracium venosum			
Bouncing Bet	Pink	Roadsides	September
Saponaria officinalis			
Fireweed	"	Dry soil	September
Epilobium angustifolium			
Hardhack, Steeple-bush	"	Swamp; low grounds	September
Spirea tomentosa			
Spreading Dogbane	"	Waste places	August
Apocynum androsaemifolium			
Racemed Milkwort	"	Dry soil	July
Polygala polygama			
Field Milkwort	"	Dry soil	September
Polygala sanguinea			
Sweet Brier Rose	"	Roadsides	July
Rosa rubiginosa			
Pasture Rose	"	Roadsides	July
Rosa humilis			
Showy Lady's Slipper	"	Swamps; woods	September
Cypripedium hirsutum			
Arethusa	"	Bogs	June
Arethusa bulbosa			
Monkey Flower	Blue	Swamps; along streams	September
Mimulus ringens			
Clustered Bellflower	"	Fields; roadsides	August
Campanula glomerata			
Blue-eyed Grass	"	Fields	August
Sisyrinchium angustifolium			
Heal-all	"	Waste places	September
Prunella vulgaris			
Wild Lupine	"	Fields	June
Lupinus perennis			
Tiger Lily	Red	Wet meadows	August
Lilium tigrinum			
Wood Lily	"	Dry woods	July
Lilium philadelphicum			
Common Milkweed	Lilac	Waste places	August
Asclepias syriaca			
Butterfly-weed	Orange	Fields	August
Asclepias tuberosa			
Bittersweet	Purple	Moist soil	September
Solanum Dulcamara			

JULY FLOWERS.

Name	Color	Habitat	In bloom thru
Pearly Everlasting Anaphalis margaritacea	White	Dry Soil	September
White Snakeroot Eupatorium ageritoides	"	Rich woods	November
Common Everlasting Gnaphalium polycephalum	"	Dry, open places	September
Clematis Clematis virginiana	"	Open woods	September
Thoroughwort, Boneset Eupatorium perfoliatum	"	Wet places	September
Turtlehead Chelone glabra	"	Dry, sandy soil	September
Wild Mint Mentha canadensis	"	Banks of streams	October
Spearmint Mentha spicata	"	Moist places	September
Red Baneberry Actaea rubra	"	Woods	July
Rabbit-foot Clover Trifolium arvense	"	Fields; roadsides	September
Sweet Pepperbush Clethra alnifolia	"	Swamps; wet woods	August
Smartweed Polygonum Hydropiper	"	moist, waste places	September
Arrow-leaved Tear-thumb Polygonum sagittatum	"	Wet soil	September
Elderberry Sambucus canadensis	"	Moist woods	July
Round-leaved Sundew Drosera rotundifolia	"	Bogs; wet sand	August
Goldthread Coptis trifolia	"	Damp, mossy woods	August
Indian Hemp Apocynum cannabinum	"	Fields and thickets	August
Silver-rod Solidago bicolor	"	Dry soil	September
Arrow-head Sagittaria quinquefolia	"	In water	August
Rough Bedstraw Gilium asprellum	"	Moist soil	August
Buttonbush Cephalanthus occidentalis	"	Banks of streams	August
Water Hemlock Cicuta bulbifera	"	River banks	August
Whorled Milkweed Asclepias verticillata	"	Dry soil	August
New Jersey Tea Ceanothus americanus	"	Roadsides	August
Bur Marigold Bidens frondosa	Yellow	Moist soil; fields	October
Jewel-weed Impatiens biflora	"	Moist ground	October
Early Goldenrod Solidago juncea	"	Dry, rocky soil	November
Yellow Loosestrife Lysimachia vulgaris	"	Fields; roadsides	August
Tansy Tanacetum vulgare	"	Roadsides	September

Fragrant Goldenrod Solidago odora	Yellow	Moist fields; roads	September
Rough-leaved Goldenrod Solidago rugosa	"	Fields	September
Panicled Hawkweed Hieracium paniculatum	"	Dry, open woods	September
Rough Hawkweed Hieracium scabrum	"	Dry, open woods	September
Common Evening Primrose Oenothera biennis	"	Waste places	September
Partridge Pea Cassia Chamaecrista	"	Waste places	September
Deptford Pink Dianthus Armeria	Pink	Fields; roadsides	September
Rose Pogonia, Snake-mouth Pogonia ophioglossoides	"	Meadows; swamps	July
Meadow Beauty Rhexia virginica	"	Moist meadows	September
Marsh St. Johnswort Hypericum virginicum	"	Moist soil	September
Pasture Thistle Cirsium pumilum	"	Waste places	September
Common Burdock Arctium minus	Purple	Waste places	August
Stiff Aster Aster linariifolius	"	Fields	August
Black Knapweed Centaurea nigra	"	Waste places	September
Venus's Looking Glass Specularia perfoliata	Blue	Dry woods	September
Common Vetch Vicia sativa	"	Fields; waste places	August
Blue Curls Trichostema dichotomum	"	Fields	September
Pickered Weed Pontederia cordata	"	In water	August
American Pennyroyal Hedeoma pulegioides	"	Waste places	September
Beard-tongue Pentstemon hirsutus	Lilac	Rocky woods	August
Mountain Mint Pycnanthemum incanum	"	Dry soil	August
Turk's Cap Lily Lilium superbum	Orange	Moist meadows	August
Devil's Paint Brush Hieracium aurantiacum	"	Fields; roadsides	July
Ragged Fringed Orchis Habenaria lacera	Green	Rich woods	July
Green Wood Orchis Habenaria clavellata	"	Rich woods	August

AUGUST FLOWERS.

Name	Color	Habitat	In bloom thru
Blue-stemmed Golden-rod Solidago caesia	Yellow	Woods; thickets	October
Smooth False Foxglove Gerardia virginica	"	Open woods	August
Fern-leaved Foxglove Gerardia pedicularia	"	Open woods	August

Lance-leaved Golden-rod Solidago graminifolia	Yellow	Dry, sandy soil	September
Yellow Fringed Orchis Habenaria ciliaris	"	Moist soil	August
Joe-Pye Weed Eupatorium purpureum	Pink	Moist soil	September
New England Aster Aster novae-angliae	Purple	Fields; swamps	October
Late Purple Aster Aster patens	"	Woods; thickets	October
Purple Bush Clover Lespedeza violacea	"	Dry, open woods	September
Purple Gerardia Gerardia purpurea	"	Dry soil	October
New York Ironweed Vernonia noveboracensis	"	Moist meadows	September
Spiked Loosestrife Lythrum salicaria	"	River banks	September
Blazing Star Liatris scariosa	"	Fields	September
Large Purple Fringed Orchis Habenaria fimbriata	"	Moist soil	August
Small Purple Fringed Orchis Habenaria psychodes	"	Moist soil	August
Sweet Everlasting Gnaphalium polycephalum	White	Rocky pastures	September
Lion's Foot Prenanthes serpentina	"	Dry, open woods	September
Pokeweed Phytolacca decandra	"	Roadsides	September
Rattlesnake Plantain Epipactis pubescens	"	Rich woods	September
Closed Gentian Gentiana Andrewsii	Blue	Wet places	October
Cardinal Flower Lobelia cardinalis	Red	Moist soil	August

SEPTEMBER FLOWERS.

Name	Color	Habitat	In bloom thru
Nodding Ladies Tresses Spiranthes cernua	White	Moist banks; woods	September
Slender Ladies Tresses Spiranthes gracilis	"	Moist soil	September
Fringed Gentian Gentiana crinita	Blue	Moist places	October
Witch-hazel Hamamelis virginiana	Yellow	Low woods	December
Wild Sunflower Helianthus giganteus	"	Fields	September
Sea Lavender Limonium carolinianum	Lavender	Sand	September
Rose Mallow Hibiscus Moscheutos	Pink	Moist soil	September
Sand Knotweed Polygonella articulata	"	Sandy soil	September

