

Plants From the Forest Floor

Visual Identification Key

Bell Shaped Yellow Flowers



Trout-Lily
Érythronium d'amérique
Erithronium americanum

2 elongated pointed leaves with pale or brown spots.
18 to 30 cm.



Bluebeads
Clintonie boréale
Clintonia borealis

3 or 4 elongated, thick, shiny leaves.
About 25 cm.



Little Bellwort
Uvulaire petite-fleur
Uvularia sessilifolia

The leaves fold over themselves at the end of long stem divided in two. About 15 cm.

Little white flowers grouped at the top of the stem



Foamflower
Tiarelle feuille-en-coeur
Tiarella cordifolia

The leaves at the base of the flower resemble a maple leaf.
Around 30 cm.



Wild Lily-of-the-Valley
Maïanthème du Canada
Maianthemum canadensis

2 or 3 alternate leaves on a zigzagging stem.
5 to 15 cm.



False Solomon's Seal
Smilacine à grappes
Maianthemum racemosum

Numerous undulating alternating leaves on a long stem.
30 to 70 cm.

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White Flowers with 3 to 7 Petals



Painted Trillium
Trille ondulé
Trillium undulatum

3 large leaves at the top of a long stalk.
25 to 40 cm.



Bunchberry
Cornouiller quatre-temps
Cornus canadensis

4 or 6 leaves grouped around the stem.



Two-leaved Toothwort
Dentaire à deux feuilles
Cardamine dyphylla

Long stem with 2 or 3 indented leaves each divided into 3.
20 to 35 cm.



Northern Starflower
Trientale boréale
Trientalis borealis

5 to 10 leaves grouped at the top of the stem. Two flowers or one single.



Goldthread
Coptide savoyane
Coptis trifolia

Slightly thick leaves divided in 3.
Small plant, 3 to 5 cm.



Dewdrop
Dalibarde rampante
Dalibarda repens

Rounded dark green leaves.
Small plant, 3 or 5 cm.

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Pink and Red Flowers



Red Trillium
Trille rouge
Trillium erectum

3 large leaves at the end of a long stalk.
18 to 30 cm.



Carolina Spring Beauty
Claytonie large feuille
Claytonia caroliniana

Small white flowers with 5 petals veined with rose. Elongated leaves. About 8 cm.



Rose Twisted-Stalk
Streptope rose
Streptopus lanceolatus

Small flowers grouped by 2 under the leaves.
Many alternate leaves on a long stem. 40 to 50 cm.

Blue and Violet Flowers



Bluets
Houstonie bleue
Houstonia coerulea

Flower at the top of a thin stem.
Small leaves at the base.
Around 10 cm.



Violet
Violettes

Many different kinds of various colors : White, pinkish, blue and mauve. Certain small ones are yellow.



Blue Cohosh
Cohosh bleu
Caulophyllum thalictroides

Tiny flowers hidden under the leaves. They are purplish in the Spring.
30 to 40 cm.

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Unusual Shaped Flowers



Lady's Slipper
Sabot de la vierge
Cypripedium acaule

2 large leaves at the base of a long stem. Large pink pendant flower, sometimes white.
30 cm.



Squirrel Corn
Dicentre à capuchon rose
Dicentra cucullaria

Several heart shaped white flowers. Lacy leaves.
15 cm.



Jack-in-the-pulpit
Petit prêcheur
Arisaema triphyllum

One or two stems with 3 leaflets at the top. Trumpet shaped flower.
35 to 55 cm.



Dutchman's Breeches
Dicentre capuchon-jaune
Dicentra canadensis

Several tooth shaped white flowers aligned at the top of the stem. Lacy leaves.
15 cm.



Water Avens
Benoîte des ruisseaux
Geum Avens

Rose and yellow pendant hairy flowers at the end of a long stem. Large plant about 95 cm.

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