



Ready for a dose of color after a long winter? Get out and enjoy the first wildflowers of the new year with **ephemerals**. But hurry! As the name implies, these flowers don't last long; ephemeral literally means "lasting a very short time." These are just some of the ephemerals you can find in our woodland habitats. Take a hike at Norris Woods, Delnor, Persimmon Woods, the native garden behind Pottawatomie Community Center or Hickory Knolls Natural Area. Print out and take along this guide or keep it handy on your phone. Ephemerals are especially adapted to woodlands to emerge, bloom and set their seed before the surrounding trees leaf out and shade out the forest floor. So hurry, so you don't miss these beautiful native plants. For more on the woodland spring flowers of our area, check out the Field Museum's guide to Woodland Spring Fauna of the Chicago Region; <https://fieldguides.fieldmuseum.org/guides/guide/513>



**Bloodroot**  
*Sanguinaria canadensis*



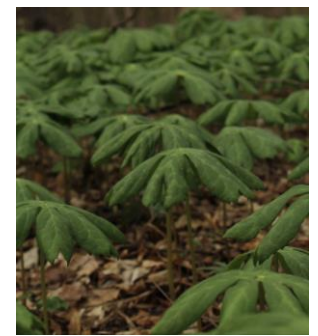
**Sharp-lobed Hepatica**  
*Hepatica acutiloba*



**Marsh Marigold**  
*Caltha palustris*



**Trout Lily**  
*Erythronium albidum*



**Mayapple**  
*Podophyllum peltatum*



**Twinleaf**  
*Jeffersonia diphylla*



**Dutchman's Breeches**  
*Dicentra cucullaria*



**Prairie Trillium**  
*Trillium recurvatum*



**Virginia Bluebells**  
*Mertensia virginica*



**Spring Beauty**  
*Claytonia virginica*