

Hoosac Range Reserve Wildflowers

A checklist



The approximately 944 acre Hoosac Range Reserve is home to over 445 species of plants, which represents 11% of all the plant species found in Massachusetts. This rich flora diversity can be attributed to the wide array of forest communities, which contain many microhabitats.

Due to the higher altitude, plants on the Hoosac Range experience a cooler climate and shorter growing season than those in lowland areas. As a result many of the plant species found here bloom 2-3 weeks later. Keep in mind also that the flowering time of many plants is determined by the weather and environmental conditions and varies from year to year.

The following is a partial list of the species that may be seen while exploring the Hoosac Range and when they are most likely to be in flower.

Please remember that these natural beauties are here for all to enjoy and the picking or removal of any species from the property is not permitted.

"Take only pictures, steal only time, leave only footprints." Author Unknown.

April

- Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadense*)
- Carolina Spring Beauty (*Claytonia carolinaia*)
- Trout Lily (*Erythronium americanum*)
- Hepatica (*Anemone acutiloba*, *A. americana*)
- Cowslip, Marsh Marigold (*Caltha palustris*)
- Wild Oats (*Uvularia sessilifolia*)
- Violets (*Viola* spp.)
- Shadbush (*Amelanchier* spp.)
- Trailing Arbutus (*Epigaea repens*)
- Colt's Foot (*Tussilago farfara*)
- Mountain Azalea (*Rhododendron prinophyllum*)
- Squirrel Corn (*Dicentra canadensis*)
- Dutchman's Breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*)
- Shadbush (*Amelanchier* spp.)
- False Solomon's Seal (*Maianthemum racemosum*)
- Canada Mayflower (*Maianthemum canadense*)
- Goldthread (*Coptis trifolia*)
- Blue Bead Lily (*Clintonia borealis*)
- Hobblebush (*Viburnum lantanoides*)
- Wild Sarsaparilla (*Aralia nudicaulis*)
- Blue Cohosh (*Caulophyllum thalictroides*)
- Dwarf Ginseng (*Panax trifolius*)
- Gooseberry or Currant (*Ribes* spp.)
- Dogwood (*Swida* spp.)
- Indian Cucumber Root (*Medeola virginiana*)
- Starflower (*Trientalis borealis*)
- White and Red Baneberry (*Actaea pachypoda* and *A. rubra*)
- Solomon's Seal (*Polygonatum pubescens*)

May

- Rosy Twisted Stalk (*Streptopus lanceolatus*)
- Pink Lady's Slipper (*Cypripedium acaule*)
- Bluets (*Houstonia caerulea*)
- Jack-in-the-pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*)
- Two-leaved Toothwort (*Cardamine diphylla*)
- Wild Geranium (*Geranium maculatum*)
- Red or Purple Trillium (*Trillium erectum*)
- Painted Trillium (*Trillium undulatum*)
- Early Meadow Rue (*Thalictrum dioicum*)
- Woodland Strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*)
- Miterwort (*Mitella diphylla*)
- Violets (*Viola* spp.)
- Red Elderberry (*Sambucus racemosa*)
- Wild Ginger (*Asarum canadense*)

June

- Honewort (*Cryptotaenia canadensis*)
- Bristly Sarsaparilla (*Aralia hispida*)
- Common Milk Weed (*Asclepias syriaca*)
- Fleabane (*Erigeron* spp.)
- Orange Hawkweed (*Hieracium aurantiacum*)
- Oxeye Daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*)
- Bush Honeysuckle (*Diervilla lonicera*)
- Twinflower (*Linnaea borealis*)
- Canada Lily (*Lilium canadense*)
- Fringed Loosestrife (*Lysimachia ciliata*)
- Small Sundrops (*Oenothera perennis*)
- Tall Meadow Rue (*Thalictrum pubescens*)
- Purple-flowering Raspberry (*Rubus odoratus*)
- Ragged Robin (*Lychnis flos-cuculi*)
- Golden Alexanders (*Zizia aurea*)
- Blue-eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium montanum*)
- Partridge Berry (*Mitchella repens*)
- Cinquefoil (*Potentilla* spp.)

July

- Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)
- Helleborine (*Epipactis helleborine*)
- Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*)
- Wintergreen (*Gaultheria procumbens*)
- St. John's wort (*Hypericum* spp.)
- Indian Pipe (*Monotropa uniflora*)
- Swampcandles (*Lysimachia terrestris*)
- Evening Primrose (*Oenothera biennis*)
- Blue Monkey-flower (*Mimulus ringens*)
- Meadowsweet (*Spiraea alba*)
- Wild Leek (*Allium tricoccum*)
- False Hellebore (*Veratrum viride*)
- Pearly Everlasting (*Anaphalis margaritacea*)
- Eyebright (*Euphrasia* spp.)
- White Snakeroot (*Ageratina altissima*)
- Blue Wild Lettuce (*Lactuca biennis*)

- Pale Jewelweed (*Impatiens pallida*)
- Orange Jewelweed (*Impatiens capensis*)
- Fireweed (*Chamerion angustifolium*)
- White Turtlehead (*Chelone glabra*)
- Virgin's Bower (*Clematis virginiana*)
- Woodland Agrimony (*Agrimonia gryposepala*)
- Common Mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*)

August-September

- Grass-leaf Goldenrod (*Euthamia graminifolia*)
- Silverrod (*Solidago bicolor*)
- Sweet Goldenrod (*Solidago odora*)
- Tall Goldenrod (*Solidago altissima*)
- Canada Goldenrod (*Solidago Canadensis*)
- Zig Zag Goldenrod (*Solidago flexicaulis*)
- Large-leaved Goldenrod (*Solidago macrophylla*)
- Rough-stemmed Goldenrod (*Solidago rugosa*)
- Ditch Stonecrop (*Penthorum sedoides*)
- Tall Flat-topped Aster (*Doellingeria umbellata*)
- Schreber's Aster (*Eurybia schreberi*)
- White Wood Aster (*Eurybia divaricata*)
- Blue Heart-leaved Aster (*Symphotrichum cordifolium*)
- Calico Aster (*Symphotrichum lateriflorum*)
- New England Aster (*Symphotrichum novae-angliae*)
- Pringle's Aster (*Symphotrichum pilosum*)
- Swamp Aster (*Symphotrichum puniceum*)
- Spotted Joe-pye-weed (*Eutrochium maculatum*)
- Tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*)
- Steeple-bush (*Spiraea tomentosa*)
- Boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)
- Beech Drops (*Epifagus virginiana*)

Some suggested wildflower guides and further reading:

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