

Common Spring Ephemeral Wildflowers of Lanark County

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Colt's-Foot



Tussilago farfara, commonly known as **coltsfoot**,^{[2]:770[3]} is a plant in the [groundsel tribe](#) in the daisy family [Asteraceae](#), native to Europe and parts of western and central Asia. The name "tussilago" is derived from the Latin *tussis*, meaning cough, and *ago*, meaning to cast or to act on.^{[4][5]} It has had uses in traditional medicine, but the discovery of toxic [pyrrolizidine alkaloids](#) in the plant has resulted in [liver](#) health concerns.

Bloodroot



Sanguinaria canadensis, bloodroot,^[1] is a [perennial](#), [herbaceous flowering plant](#) native to eastern [North America](#). It is the [only species](#) in the [genus](#) *Sanguinaria*, included in the family [Papaveraceae](#), and most closely related to [Eomecon](#) of eastern Asia.

Trout Lily, Yellow



Erythronium americanum, the trout lily, yellow trout lily, or yellow dogtooth violet, is a species of [perennial](#), colony forming, [spring ephemeral](#) flower native to North America and dwelling in woodland habitats. Within its range it is a very common and widespread species, especially in eastern North America.^[2] The common name "trout lily" refers to the appearance of its gray-green [leaves](#) mottled with brown or gray, which allegedly resemble the coloring of [brook trout](#).

Hepatica, Sharp-lobed



Hepatica acutiloba, the sharp-lobed hepatica, is a flowering [herbaceous](#) plant species in the family [Ranunculaceae](#). It is sometimes considered part of the genus [Anemone](#), as *Anemone acutiloba*, *A. hepatica*, or *A. nobilis*.^[1]

Each clump-forming plant grows 5 to 19 cm (2.0 to 7.5 in) tall, flowering in the early to mid spring. The flowers are greenish-white, white, purple or pinkish in color, with a rounded shape.

Hepatica, Round-lobed



Hepatica americana, the round-lobed hepatica, is a flowering [herbaceous](#) plant in the family [Ranunculaceae](#). Round-lobed hepatica is native to the eastern United States and Canada.^[1]

It is sometimes considered part of the genus [Anemone](#), as *Anemone americana*, *A. hepatica*, or *A. nobilis*.

Violet, Common Blue



Viola sororia, known commonly as the **common blue violet**, is a short-stemmed herbaceous [perennial plant](#) that is native to eastern [North America](#). It is known by a number of common names, including **common meadow violet**, **purple violet**, **the lesbian flower**,^[4] **woolly blue violet**, **hooded violet**, and **wood violet**.

Self-seeding freely, in [lawns](#) and [gardens](#) it can be considered a [weed](#) by some. [Cleistogamous](#) seed heads may also appear on short stems in late summer and early autumn.

Dutchman's Breeches



Dicentra cucullaria, or **Dutchman's breeches**, is a [perennial herbaceous plant](#), native to rich woods of eastern [North America](#), with a [disjunct population](#) in the [Columbia Basin](#).^[1]

The common name Dutchman's breeches derives from their white flowers that look like white [breeches](#).

Trillium, Large White



Trillium grandiflorum ([common names](#) white trillium,^[3] large-flowered trillium, great white trillium,^[4] white wake-robin, [French](#): *trille blanc*) is a [species](#) of [flowering plant](#) in the [family](#) [Melanthiaceae](#).

Trillium grandiflorum is most common in rich, mixed upland forests. It is easily recognised by its attractive three-petaled white flowers, opening from late spring to early summer, that rise above a [whorl](#) of three, leaf-like [bracts](#). It is an example of a [spring ephemeral](#), a plant whose life-cycle is synchronised with that of the [deciduous](#) woodland which it favours.

Red Trillium



Trillium erectum, the **red trillium**,^[3] also known as **wake robin**,^[4] **purple trillium**,^[5] **bethroot**,^[6] or **stinking Benjamin**.^[7] is a [species](#) of [flowering plant](#) in the [family](#) [Melanthiaceae](#). The plant takes its common name "wake robin" by analogy with the [European robin](#), which has a red breast heralding spring. Likewise *Trillium erectum* is a [spring ephemeral](#) whose life-cycle is synchronized with that of the forests in which it lives.

Marsh Marigold



Caltha palustris, known as **marsh-marigold**^[1] and **kingcup**, is a small to medium size [perennial herbaceous plant](#) of the [buttercup family](#), [native](#) to [marshes](#), [fens](#), ditches and wet [woodland](#) in [temperate](#) regions of the [Northern Hemisphere](#).

It flowers between April and August, dependent on altitude and latitude, but occasional flowers may occur at other times.

Carolina Spring Beauty



Claytonia caroliniana, the **Carolina springbeauty**, is an [herbaceous perennial](#) in the family [Montiaceae](#). It was formerly placed in the [Portulacaceae](#). Its native range is eastern and central [North America](#).

It is most commonly found in the [New England](#) area of the [United States](#) but its habitat extends from [Ontario](#) and a northern limit in the Cape Anguille Mountains of [Newfoundland](#) and south to [Alabama](#).^[1] It grows approximately 6 inches tall in forests of the Appalachian Mountains and piedmont

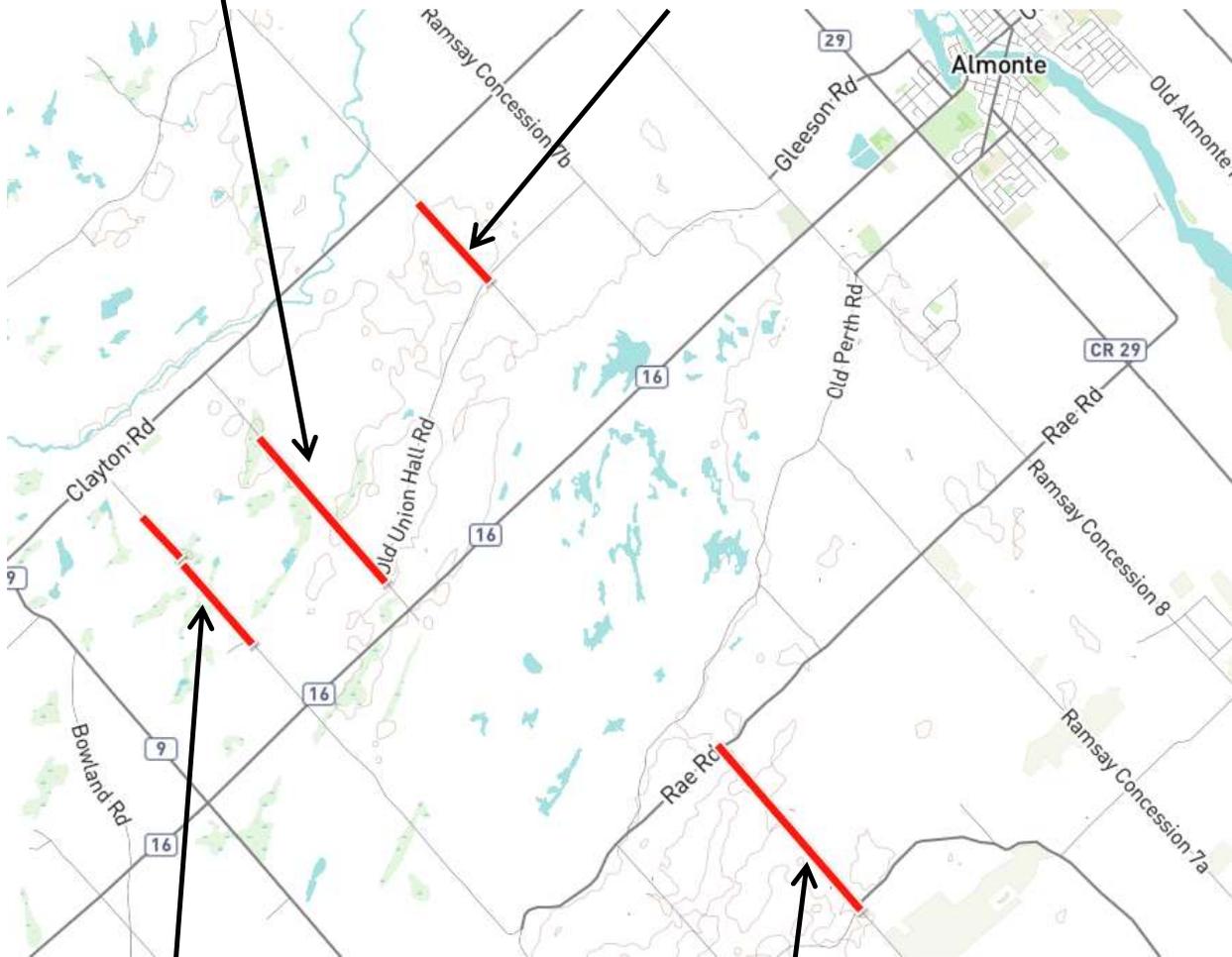
Ramsay Concession 4

(between Clayton & Old Union Hall roads)

Note: Access from either ends; marsh in middle

Ramsay Concession 6

(between Clayton & Old Union Hall roads)



Ramsay Concession 3

(between Clayton & Wolf Grove roads)

Note: Access from either ends; marsh in middle

Ramsay Concession 5

(between Rae and Quarry Roads)