

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

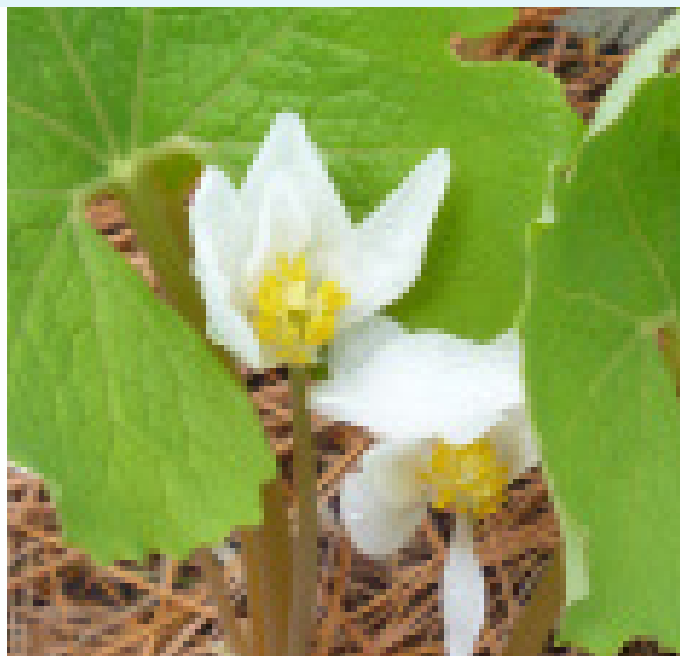
How many signs of spring can you spot? Explore your neighbourhood and learn more about how these species support urban wildlife!

EARLY FLOWERS

white trillium



bloodroot



Canada anemone



Spring ephemerals are perennial woodland flowers that bloom, fruit and seed in early spring. These plants provide emerging bees and other pollinators with essential food sources.

NEW GROWTH

bud break



young leaves



young needles



As the season warms up, plant buds swell and reveal new leaves and young needles. Browsing animals, like deer and rabbits, munch of this new growth before fruits and seeds are available.

BLOOMING TREES

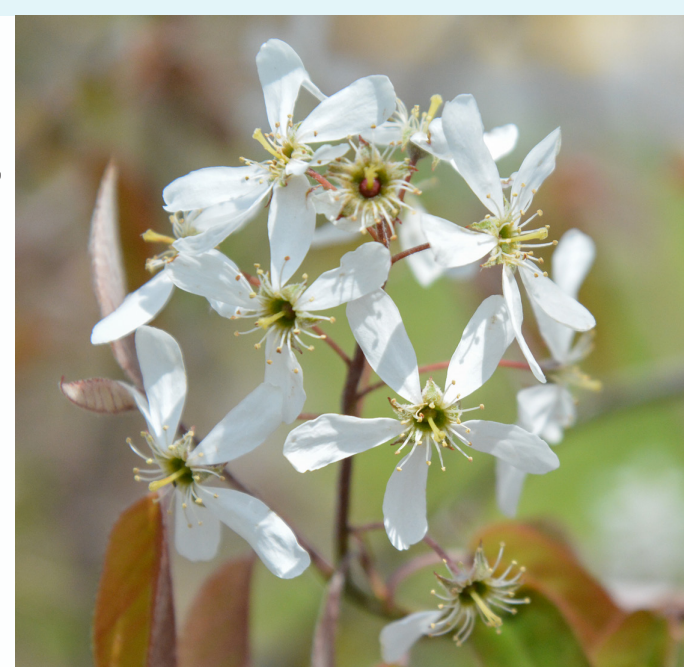
red maple



Ohio buckeye



serviceberry



Early blooming trees can produce hundreds of flowers! These serve as much-needed nectar and pollen sources for emerging bees that have depleted their food and energy sources over the winter.

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