

The prairies, glades, upland woods, lowland woods, bluffs, and streams provide a diversity of habitats within the surrounding area of WGCAC, and along with the changing seasons, harbor a variety of wildflowers. There are more than 250 species of flowering plants found within the WGCAC area. Trails pass through these habitats providing a view of the wildflowers beginning in mid-March through the early part of November. The following list includes the more common species of wildflowers at WGCAC. It does not include the variety of trees and shrubs found throughout the area. You may contact Dr. Stephen Timme at botanydoctor@hotmail.com for more information about wildflowers or for the identification of plants.

Common Wildflowers of Wildcat Glades Conservation and Audubon Center

Stephen L. Timme, Ph.D.

Common Name	Common Family Name	Flowering Period	Species	Habitat
Red to Orange Flowers				
Butterfly Weed	Milkweed	May – September	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	prairies; glades
Orange Day Lily	Lily	May - August	<i>Hemerocallis fulva</i>	abandoned disturbed sites
Spotted Touch-Me-Not	Touch-Me-Not	May – October	<i>Impatiens capensis</i>	low moist woods along Shoal Creek
Cardinal Flower	Bellflower	July – October	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	low moist woods; along streams
Pink Flowers (White)				
Violet Wood Sorrel (purplish)	Wood Sorrel	May – October	<i>Oxalis violaceae</i>	prairies, glades, rocky woods
Goat's Rue	Bean	May – July	<i>Tephrosia virginiana</i>	glades; rocky woods
Field Milkwort	Milkwort	May – September	<i>Polygala sanguinea</i>	prairies; glades
Slender Bush Clover	Fabaceae	May – September	<i>Lespedeza virginica</i>	prairie; glades
Swamp Milkweed	Milkweed	July – October	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	low wet prairies; along streams
Rose Vervain	Vervain	April – October	<i>Glandularia canadensis</i>	glades, prairies
Barbara's Buttons	Sunflower	May – June	<i>Marshallia caespitosa</i>	glades
Henbit	Mint	February – November	<i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>	low woods; disturbed sites
Dead Nettle	Mint	March – October	<i>Lamium purpureum</i>	low woods; disturbed sites
Wild Geranium	Geranium	April – June	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	low woods
Wild Onion	Onion	April – June	<i>Allium canadense</i>	glades; prairies
Self-Heal, Heal All	Mint	May – October	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	low woods; along streams
Widow's Cross	Stonecrop	May – July	<i>Sedum pulchellum</i>	glades
Flame Flower	Purslane	May – August	<i>Thallium calcium</i>	glades
Deptford Pink	Pink	May – October	<i>Dianthus armorial</i>	old fields; prairies
Wild Bean	Legume or Bean	June – October	<i>Strophostyles helvula</i>	moist rocky woods
Wood Sage	Mint	June – September	<i>Teucrium canadense</i>	prairies, along Shoal Creek; disturbed sites

Violet Bush Clover (purple)	Legume or Bean	July – September	<i>Lespedeza violacea</i>	glades; prairies; rocky woods
Tick Trefoil	Legume or Bean	August – October	<i>Desmodium perplexum</i>	rocky open woods; glades; prairies
Blue to Purple Flowers (White)				
Sampson's Snakeroot	Legume or Bean	May-July	<i>Orbexilum pedunculatum</i>	praires; open woods
Blue Violets	Violet	March – June	<i>Viola sororia</i>	rocky open woods
Johnny-Jump-Up	Violet	March – May	<i>Viola rafinesquii</i>	disturbed ground
Bluets	Madder	April – May	<i>Hedyotis caerulea</i>	glades; disturbed ground
Blue Phlox	Phlox	April – June	<i>Phlox divaricata</i>	low moist woods
Violet Collinsia	Snapdragon	April – July	<i>Collinsia violacea</i>	glades
Ground Ivy, Gill-Over-The-Ground	Mint	April – July	<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	low moist woods
Prairie Blue-eyed Grass	Iris	April – June	<i>Sisyrinchium campestre</i>	prairies; glades; open woods
Dwarf Larkspur	Buttercup	April – June	<i>Delphinium tricorne</i>	low moist woods
Wild Hyacinth	Lily	April – June	<i>Camassia scilloides</i>	glades; prairies
Horsemint	Mint	April – June	<i>Monarda bradburiana</i>	rocky, dry woods
Jacob's Ladder	Phlox	April – June	<i>Polemonium reptans</i>	low moist woods
Venus's Looking Glass	Bellwort	April – August	<i>Triodanis perfoliata</i>	glades; prairies; disturbed ground
Bird's-Foot Violet	Violet	April – June	<i>Viola pedata</i>	rocky woods; glades; prairies
Hairy Phacelia	Waterleaf	April – June	<i>Phacelia hirsuta</i>	glades
Shinning Blue Star	Dogbane	April – June	<i>Amsonia illustris</i>	along streams
Blue Toadflax	Snapdragon	April – September	<i>Nuttallanthus canadensis</i>	glades; prairies
Carolina Larkspur	Buttercup	May - June	<i>Delphinium carolinianum</i>	glades; prairies
Common Spiderwort	Spiderwort	May - July	<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	prairies; glades
Lead Plant	Legume or Bean	May – October	<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	prairies; glades; open woods
Wild Bergamot	Mint	May – August	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	prairies; edge of glades
Butterfly Pea	Legume or Bean	May – September	<i>Clitoria mariana</i>	low or upland woods
Hairy Wild Petunia	Acanthus	May – October	<i>Ruellia humilis</i>	glades; prairies; rocky woods
Purple Coneflower	Sunflower	May – October	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	low woods; moist praires
Day Flower	Spiderwort	May – October	<i>Commelina erecta</i>	glades; rocky woods; along streams
Iron Weed	Sunflower	May – October	<i>Vernonia baldwinii</i>	prairies; glades
Passion Flower	Passion Flower	May – September	<i>Passiflora incarnata</i>	low, moist woods
Monkey Flower	Snapdragon	June – October	<i>Mimulus alatus</i>	low moist woods; along streams
American Bellflower	Bellflower	June – October	<i>Campanula americana</i>	moist woods; edge of woods; along wooded streams
Scaly Blazing Star, Gayfeather	Sunflower	June – October	<i>Liatris squarrosa</i>	rocky woods; prairies; glades
Downy Scullcap	Mint	June – October	<i>Scutellaria incana</i>	low rocky woods; along streams
Blue Sage	Mint	July – October	<i>Salvia azurea</i>	prairies; glades
Mist Flower	Sunflower	July – October	<i>Eupatorium coelestium</i>	along Shoal Creek; low moist woods
Joe-Pye Weed	Sunflower	July – October	<i>Eupatorium purpureum</i>	low moist woods
Dittany	Mint	July – November	<i>Cunila origanoides</i>	dry rocky woods
Gayfeather	Sunflower	July – October	<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>	prairies
Rough Blazing Star	Sunflower	August – October	<i>Liatris aspera</i>	prairies; glades; dry rocky woods

Elephant's Foot	Sunflower	August – October	<i>Elephantopus carolinianus</i>	along streams; edge of moist woods
Blue Lettuce	Sunflower	August – October	<i>Lactuca floridana</i>	along Shoal Creek; low moist woods
Great Blue Lobelia	Bellflower	August – October	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	along spring branches; along streams
Aromatic Aster	Sunflower	August – November	<i>Symphyotrichum oblongifolium</i>	prairies; glades
Woodland Aster	Sunflower	August – November	<i>Symphyotrichum anomalum</i>	open rocky woods
New England Aster	Sunflower	August – October	<i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>	along streams; low moist areas
Silky Aster	Sunflower	August – October	<i>Symphyotrichum sericeum</i>	prairies; glades
Spreading Aster	Sunflower	August – October	<i>Symphyotrichum patens</i>	glades; prairies; open woods
Wild Four O'Clock (pinkish)	Four O'Clock	May – September	<i>Mirabilis nyctaginea</i>	prairies; low woods
Slender Bush Clover	Legume or Bean	May – September	<i>Lespedeza virginica</i>	prairies; glades; dry open woods
Willow Aster	Sunflower	September – October	<i>Symphyotrichum praealtum</i>	prairies; moist areas near streams
White Flowers (Pinkish)				
Spring Beauty	Purslane	February – June	<i>Claytonia virginica</i>	upland woods; prairies; disturb ground
Rue Anemone	Buttercup	March – June	<i>Anemonella thalictroides</i>	rocky woods; low moist woods
False Rue Anemone	Buttercup	March – May	<i>Enemion biternatum</i>	low woods
White Dogtooth Violet	Lily	March – May	<i>Erythronium albidum</i>	low moist woods
Toothwort	Mustard	March – May	<i>Cardamine concatenata</i>	bluff slopes in woods; low moist woods
Mayapple	Barberry	March – May	<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	low moist woods
False Garlic	Onion	March – May (fall)	<i>Nothoscordum bivalve</i>	glades; upland woods; prairies
Pussytoes	Sunflower	April – June	<i>Antennaria parlinii</i>	prairies; glades
Corn Salad	Valerian	April – June	<i>Valerianella radiata</i>	glades
Sandwort	Pink	April – June	<i>Minuartia patula</i>	glades
Robin's Plantain	Sunflower	April – June	<i>Erigeron pulchellus</i>	open woods; along streams
Whorled Milkweed	Milkweed	April – May	<i>Asclepias quadrifolia</i>	upland woods
Water Cress	Mustard	April – October	<i>Nasturtium officinale</i>	springs; stream branches
Wild Strawberry	Rose	April – May	<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	prairies; open woods
Star of Bethlehem	Lily	April – May	<i>Ornithogalum umbellatum</i>	low moist woods
Solomon's Seal	Lily	May – June	<i>Polygonatum biflorum</i>	low moist woods
False Solomon's Seal	Lily	May – June	<i>Maianthemum racemosum</i>	low moist woods
Wild Carrot	Dill or Parsley	May – October	<i>Daucus carota</i>	disturbed prairies; disturbed ground
New Jersey Tea	Buckthorn	May – June	<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	dry rocky woods
Whorled Milkweed	Milkweed	May – September	<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>	glades; open woods; prairies
Large-Flowered Gaura	Evening Primrose	June – October	<i>Gaura longiflora</i>	prairies; glades
Tubed Beardtongue	Snapdragon	May – July	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	prairies; edge of woods
Daisy Fleabane	Sunflower	May – October	<i>Erigeron strigosus</i>	glades; prairies; open woods
Yarrow	Sunflower	May – November	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	prairies; glades; open woods

Ox-eye Daisy	Sunflower	May – August	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>	prairies; disturbed ground
Flowering Spurge	Spurge	May – October	<i>Euphorbia corollata</i>	glades; prairies; edge of woods
Illinois Bundleflower	Legume or Bean	June – August	<i>Desmanthus illinoensis</i>	prairies; glades
Slender Mountain Mint	Mint	June – October	<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i>	prairies; open woods
False Boneset	Sunflower	July – October	<i>Brickellia eupatorioides</i>	prairies; glades
White Snakeroot	Sunflower	July – October	<i>Eupatorium rugosum</i>	rocky woods; disturbed ground
Round-Headed Bush Clover	Legume or Bean	July –October	<i>Lespedeza capitata</i>	prairies; glades
White Heath Aster	Sunflower	August – November	<i>Symphotrichum pilosum</i>	prairies; open moist woods
White Crownbeard	Sunflower	August – October	<i>Verbescina virginica</i>	open woods; along streams
Arrow-leaved Aster	Sunflower	August – October	<i>Symphotrichum sagittifolium</i>	rocky woods; glades
Nodding Ladies' Tresses	Orchid	August – November	<i>Spiranthes cernua</i>	prairies; glades
Tall Green Milkweed	Milkweed	May – July	<i>Asclepias hirtella</i>	glades; prairies
Buttonbush	Madder	May – August	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	along Shoal Creek
American Bugleweed	Mint	May – October	<i>Lycopus americanus</i>	Edge of Silver Creek
Canadian Milkvetch	Legume or Bean	June – August	<i>Astragalus canadensis</i>	low woods
Heath Aster	Sunflower	July – November	<i>Symphotrichum ericoides</i>	prairies; edge of open woods
Yellow Flowers				
Yellow Dogtooth Violet, Trout Lily	Lily	March – May	<i>Erythronium rostratum</i>	low moist woods
Yellow Violet	Violet	March – June	<i>Viola pubescens</i>	low moist woods
Golden Selenia	Mustard	March – June	<i>Selenia aurea</i>	glades; prairies
Floodplain Ragwort	Sunflower	April – June	<i>Packera glabella</i>	low wet woods
Tickseed Coreopsis	Sunflower	April – July	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	glades; prairies
Common Cinquefoil	Rose	April – June	<i>Potentilla simplex</i>	prairies; open woods; glades
Golden Alexanders	Dill or Parsley	April – June	<i>Zizia aurea</i>	prairies; glades; near streams
Yellow Wood Sorrel	Wood Sorrel	May –October	<i>Oxalis dillenii</i>	prairies; low and upland woods; glades
Dwarf Dandelion	Sunflower	May – August	<i>Krigia biflora</i>	glades; prairies; stream margins
Prickly Pear	Cactus	May – July	<i>Opuntia humifusa</i>	glades
Pale Touch-Me-Not	Touch-Me-Not	May – October	<i>Impatiens pallid</i>	low moist woods; along streams
Black-eyed Susan	Sunflower	May – October	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	prairies; glades; open woods; disturbed ground
Flax	Flax	May – September	<i>Linum sulcatum</i>	glades; prairies
Common St. John's Wort	St. John's Wort	June – October	<i>Hypericum punctatum</i>	glades; prairies; open woods
Mullein Foxglove	Snapdragon	June – September	<i>Dasistoma macrophylla</i>	low woods; rocky slopes
Tall Coreopsis	Sunflower	July – September	<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>	prairies; open woods
Plains Coreopsis	Sunflower	June – October	<i>Coreopsis tinctoria</i>	glades; disturbed ground
Partridge Pea	Legume or Bean	June - October	<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i>	prairies; glades; disturbed ground
Wild Senna	Legume or Bean	July – August	<i>Senna marilandica</i>	edge of woods; woods along streams
Woodland Goldenrod	Sunflower	June – November	<i>Solidago petiolaris</i>	rocky woods
Old-Field Godenrod	Sunflower	June – November	<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>	prairies; glades; open woods
Cup Plant	Sunflower	July – October	<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	along streams; edges of moist

				woods
Bristly Sunflower	Sunflower	July - October	<i>Helianthus hirsutus</i>	open woods; prairies
Ashy Sunflower	Sunflower	July - October	<i>Helianthus mollis</i>	prairies; glades; edge of woods
Pine Weed	St. John's Wort	July - October	<i>Hypericum gentianoides</i>	glades
Large Flowered False Foxglove	Snapdragon	July - September	<i>Aureolaria grandiflora</i>	rocky woods
Jerusalem Artichoke	Sunflower	August - October	<i>Helianthus tuberosus</i>	edge of woods; along streams
Stiff Goldenrod	Sunflower	August - October	<i>Solidago rigida</i>	prairies; glades
Yellow Ironweed	Sunflower	August - October	<i>Verbesina alternifolia</i>	low woods; along streams
Tickseed Sunflower	Sunflower	August - October	<i>Bidens aristosa</i>	moist prairies; glades
Early Buttercup	Buttercup	April - June	<i>Ranunculus fascicularis</i>	prairies; glades
Potato Dandelion	Sunflower	May - July	<i>Krigia dandelion</i>	prairies; glades; open woods
Wood Betony	Snapdragon	April - June	<i>Pedicularis Canadensis</i>	upland woods; prairies
Yellow Star Grass	Lily	April - June (fall)	<i>Hypoxis hirsuta</i>	prairies; glades
Brown-eyed Susan	Sunflower	July - October	<i>Rudbeckia triloba</i>	low woods; along streams; prairies
Green or Brown Flowers				
Green Dragon	Arum	April - June	<i>Arisaema dracontium</i>	low woods
Jack-In-The-Pulpit	Arum	April - June	<i>Arisaema triphyllum</i>	low woods
Spider Milkweed	Milkweed	May - July	<i>Asclepias viridis</i>	prairies; glades
Wild Ginger	Birthwort	April - May	<i>Asarum canadense</i>	low woods; slopes of bluffs
Wake Robin	Wake Robin	April - May	<i>Trillium sessile</i>	low woods
Figwort	Snapdragon	July - October	<i>Scrophularia marilandica</i>	low woods
Climbing Milkweed	Milkweed	May - August	<i>Matelea decipiens</i>	open woods; along streams