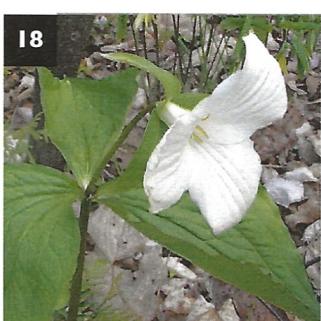
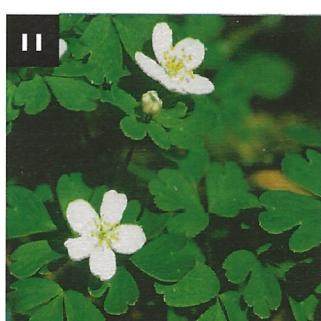


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**1** Rue anemone (*Thalictrum thalictroides*)  
March–June; 4–8"; white or pink flowers positioned on wiry stems above the 3-lobed foliage.

**2** Jack-in-the-pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*)  
April–July; 12–24"; green and purplish-brown striped hood arches over a club-shaped spadix ("Jack"); showy, brilliant red clusters of fruit in fall.

**3** Wild-ginger (*Asarum canadense*)  
April–June; 6–12"; heart-shaped leaves hide the unusual ground-level, urn-shaped, reddish-purple flower.

**4** Spring beauty (*Claytonia virginica*)  
April–May; 6"; starlike, 5-petaled flowers are white with pink veins; leaves are grasslike.

**5** Dutchman's breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*)  
March–May; 6–12"; graceful, nodding white flowers are shaped like upside-down trousers; fernlike, feathery, blue-gray foliage.

**6** Toothwort (*Cardamine concatenata*)  
March–May; 8–16"; white to light pink 4-petaled flowers stand above deeply divided leaves.

**7** Shooting star (*Dodecatheon meadia*)  
April–June; 8–24"; basal, lance-shaped leaves; tall flower stalk topped by small cluster of pale pink to white nodding flowers with reflexed petals.

**8** White trout lily (*Erythronium albidum*)  
March–May; 4–8"; thick single or paired mottled leaves; nodding, starlike white flowers on 2-leaf specimens only.

**9** Wild geranium (*Geranium maculatum*)  
April–July; 12–18"; deeply cut 3–5-lobed leaves; 5-petaled magenta-pink flowers in loose clusters; beaklike seed capsule resembles a crane's bill.

**10** Sharp-lobed hepatica (*Hepatica acutiloba*)  
March–May; 2–6"; earliest flowers of spring; blue, white, or pink flowerlike sepals appear before new leaves; older 3-lobed leaves stay through winter, turning purplish; flower stalks extremely hairy.

**11** False rue anemone (*Enemion biternatum*)  
April–May; 4–6"; delicate white flowers; leaflets more deeply cut than rue anemone; generally found in large colonies.

**12** Virginia bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*)  
March–May; 12–18"; erect stems with alternate leaves; nodding clusters of trumpet-shaped pink or blue, rarely white, flowers.

**13** Woodland phlox (*Phlox divaricata*)  
April–June; 6–24"; blue to lilac flower clusters; lance-shaped leaves are arranged opposite on hairy stems.

**14** May-apple (*Podophyllum peltatum*)  
May–June; 12–18", 1 to 2 very large umbrellalike leaves with deeply cut lobes attached to one stem; a single white flower on 2-leaf specimen only; small applelike fruit under leaves in late June.

**15** Jacob's ladder (*Polemonium reptans*)  
May–June; 8–16"; basal leaves divide into pairs forming a "ladder"; numerous light blue-violet bell-shaped flowers are on separate stems.

**16** Smooth Solomon's seal (*Polygonatum biflorum*)  
May–July; 12–36"; arching stems with smooth pale green leaves; greenish-white flowers hang tassel-like along the stem; fruit is a blue-black berry.

**17** Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*)  
April–May; 3–6"; a single white flower emerges from an enfolding shallow-lobed gray-green leaf.

**18** White trillium (*Trillium grandiflorum*)  
May–June; 10–18"; 3 very large waxy-white flower petals gracefully curve backwards above a 3-leaved stem.

**19** Red trillium (*Trillium recurvatum*)  
April–June; 8–16"; 3 mottled, distinct, short-stalked leaves; a single dark red stalkless flower has drooping sepals and erect petals.

**20** Bellwort (*Uvularia grandiflora*)  
April–May; 8–20"; graceful yellow drooping bell-shaped flowers on a long, forked stem.

\* All plants listed are native to northern Illinois.