

# EARLY SPRING BLOOMING PERENNIALS



**Liverleaf (*Hepatica nobilis*)** – Bright blue blossoms emerge in spring just as deep green ‘liver shaped’ foliage emerges. One of the earliest to bloom besides the Bloodroot, Liverleaf is only 4” tall at maturity. Zone 2



**Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*)** – Pure white daisy bloom arrives at the same time as the uniquely lobed foliage. Native to eastern North America including Nova Scotia. Zone 3

NEAT! Bloodroot seeds are spread by ants (called myrmecochory). The seeds have a fleshy organ that attracts ants; seeds are taken to the nest, where they place the seeds in nest debris until seeds germinate.

**Pasque Flower (*Pulstatilla vulgaris*)** - This clump forming perennial is extremely hardy, and can be found throughout our region in pasturelands. Silky buds open up to reveal beautiful purple crocus blooms with yellow centers. Zone 3



**Forget Me Not (*Myosotis sylvatica*)** – This hardy spring bloomer is a common choice for partly shady areas. Also available in pink, this makes a great border plant. Zone 3



**Lungwort (*Pulmonaria officinalis*)** – This hardy groundcover loves shady spots, and prefers slightly moist soil. Various spotty leafed forms are available, all sporting pink and blue combined blooms in early spring. Zone 3





**Primula (Primula auricula)** – Preferring part shade or part sun, ‘Cowslip’ Primrose are an excellent choice for a rock garden.

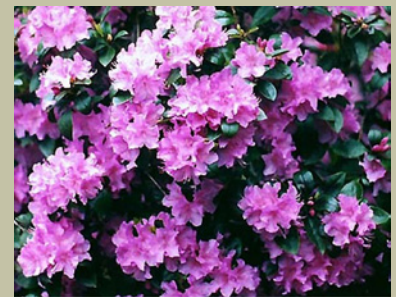
Available in several colours; note that seed mixed strains will bring a rainbow of colour to the garden, while specifically named varieties are often produced by division or tissue culture and should come back the same colour year after year. Zone 3

## EARLY SPRING BLOOMING SHRUBS

**Azalea Northern Lights Series** - These Azalea can withstand temperatures as low as  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Colours range from pink to white, mandarin and peach. Zone 4



**PJM Rhododendron** - This medium sized Rhodo forms a tidy mound of dark green leaves that turn purple in fall. Bright lavender-pink flower clusters in spring. Zone 3



**Double Flowering Plum** - This extremely hardy shrub smothers branches with double pink flowers in early spring before leaves appear. Bright yellow autumn colour. Shear shrubs back yearly after blooming for best bloom production. Zone 3



**Russian Almond** - Very hardy, tiny pink blossoms smother shrub in early spring as leaves emerge. Can be used to pollinate plums and cherries. Zone 2



**Forsythia** - Showy, rounded shrub that explodes in brilliant masses of yellow flowers in spring. Use as a background shrub or as an accent in the perennial garden. Very hardy. Zone 3

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Nanking Cherry - A large shrub with showy white to pale pink flowers in spring, followed by a bright red sweet cherry that is great for eating fresh or preserving. Zone 2



Rose Daphne - Evergreen shrub with attractive clusters of *highly fragrant* pink flowers that bloom in late spring. Dark green foliage. Plant in a protected area and provide winter mulch. Zone 4



Royal Star Magnolia - Fragrant white flowers emerge on this shrub in spring before the leaves. The hardiest of the Magnolia, this variety has an oval shape with dark green leaves that turn bronze-yellow in the fall. Requires winter protection. Zone 4  
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Princess Kay Plum - Fast growing medium sized tree forms an oval-shaped crown with bright white , double blossoms and smooth dark brown bark. Spectacular red fall colour. Zone 3



Muckle Plum - A cross between the native American Plum and the Russian Almond, this small tree is very hardy and suitable for small yards. It is a fruitless variety with rich pink flowers in early spring and dark green foliage. Zone 3