



Demonstration Garden
at Trailside Nature & Science Center
Watchung Reservation
New Providence Road & Coles Ave.
Mountainside, NJ
(908) 654-9854

Average Blooming Dates

Year Round Interest

Evergreen trees and shrubs

January & February

Conifer foliage and cones, Hollies in fruit

March

3rd & 4th week

Japanese pieris, Pussy willows, Snowdrops

April

1st & 2nd week

Early bulbs, Daffodils, Japanese pieris, Pulmonaria,

3rd & 4th week

Bradford pear tree, Leucothoe, Barberry, Woodland wildflowers, Daffodils, Lettuces, Broccoli and Cabbages in the Vegetable garden

May

1st & 2nd week

Flowering Cherry tree, Azaleas, Viburnum, Woodland wildflowers such as Wood hyacinth, Primrose, Bleeding Heart, Columbine. Early native perennials such as Golden Alexanders, Iris cristata

3rd & 4th week

Saucer Magnolia, Buckeye, Perennials such as German Bearded Iris, Solomon seal, Woodland wildflowers. Herbs, Early annuals and biennials, Tomatoes, peppers and eggplant in the Vegetable garden

June

1st & 2nd week

Daylilies, Herbs, Annual flowers, Perennials such as Siberian iris, Yellow flag iris, Bee-balm, Ferns

3rd & 4th week

Hostas, Louisiana iris, Summer bulbs such as Dahlias and Cannas, Annual flowers, Roses, Perennials such as Daisies, Phlox, and Astillbes, Daylilies, Ferns, Herbs, Tomatoes, Peppers, Zucchini and Beans in the Vegetable garden



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July

Butterfly attracting plants such as Butterfly weed, Milkweed, Butterfly bush, Daisies, Annual flowers, Hostas, Native clematis, Summer bulbs, Gladiolas, Annual vines, Ferns, Bamboo, Tomatoes, Peppers, Zucchini and Beans in the Vegetable garden

August

Hardy Hibiscus, Crapemyrtle, Hydrangea, Butterfly bush, Native plants such as Joe Pye weed, NY Ironweed, Goldenrod, Black Eyed Susan, Cardinal Flower, Annual Flowers and Vines, Herbs, Bamboo, Banana plant, Hostas, Fall Lettuces, Cabbage and cool weather crops in the Vegetable garden

September

Beautyberry Bush, Crapemyrtle, Goldenrod, Obedient plant, Annual flowers and vines, Herbs, Viburnum in fruit, Raspberries in fruit, Hostas, Ornamental Grasses, Ferns

October

Beautyberry bush, Fall foliage, Viburnum in fruit, Raspberries in fruit, Boxwood, Hostas, Ornamental Grasses, Ferns, Herbs, Annual Flowers and vines

November

Conifer foliage and cones, Viburnum in fruit, Fall foliage, Boxwood, Ornamental Grasses, Chrysanthemums

December

Hollies in fruit, Conifer foliage and cones, Hawthorne in fruit