Use this bloom guide to help you navigate through what is currently in bloom! VanDusen Botanical Garden is home to 7,500 taxa (unique species and varieties) arranged in 50 distinct collections. From fragrant to edible plants, you will discover a diverse range of collections during your visit. Some collections feature plants that are closely related, while others include varieties from specific regions or habitats. Here we highlight just a few of the plants that are of particular interest today. Enjoy!

The bloom map will help you find these plants during your garden visit.

Map Numbers:

1. **Trillium**: The flowers of these iconic woodland perennials have three petals and three sepals, each rising over a set of three wide green leaves. The flowers can be white, yellow or purple.

2. **Kobushi (Magnolia kobus)**: Our earliest-blooming magnolia, kobushi, has flowers that shed their fuzzy, protective bud scales in late winter and unfurl white, spoon-shaped tepals (magnolias have an ancient flower structure with tepals instead of separate petals and sepals).

3. **Lake Lolog barberry (Berberis x lologensis)**: This hybrid barberry from South America has bright orange flowers that seem to glow against its dark green spiny foliage.

4. **Yellow trout lily (Erythronium 'Kondo')**: This perennial has clusters of star-shaped yellow flowers nodding over green leaves mottled with brown spots. 'Kondo' is a hybrid cultivar of two species of trout lily native to California.

5. **Daffodil (Narcissus)**: These cheerful yellow heralds of spring are popping up all over the garden, especially in the seasonal beds near the Laburnum Walk.

6. **Acer palmatum ‘Shindeshojo’**: The leaves of this little maple emerge a blazing red to salmon-pink, fading to light green over the summer. You’ll find this off the main path of the Rhododendron Walk, glowing like a beacon through the dark green foliage of the neighbouring shrubs.

7. **Camellia ‘Debutante’**: This camellia has superb flowers with tightly packed pale pink ruffled petals. Other camellias will be blooming as well, so be sure to explore the entire Camellia Collection.

8. **Oxlip (Primula elatior)**: One of the first primulas to bloom in spring. Drifts of oxlips, with their clusters of pale yellow flowers atop slender stems and rosettes of fuzzy leaves, brighten up the woodland understory.

9. **Rhododendron**: The rainy Pacific Northwest is one of the best places to grow rhododendrons and azaleas, and VanDusen is home to over 650 different species and varieties! Mostly evergreen, these shrubs have clusters of trumpet-shaped flowers in nearly every size and colour imaginable. Some are even scented!

10. **Pink weeping spring cherry or beni-shidare (Prunus subhirtella var. pendula ‘Beni-shidare’)**: Rows of these trees line the path through the Honorable David C. Lam Cherry Grove and are the first cherries in our collection to bloom each year. Their slender, drooping branches are covered in tiny pink blossoms.
This guide is a reflection of blooms that typically occur during the month of April. Depending on seasonal weather patterns, some featured plants may not be in bloom during your visit today.