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. Flowering currant (Ribes sanguineum 'White Icicle'): This deciduous shrub is a white-flowering selection of BC's native flowering currant, with cascading clusters of flowers that provide an important early nectar source for hummingbirds.

2. Hybrid hellebore (Helleborus × hybridus): These evergreen, winter-blooming perennials have stunning flowers with single or double blooms in a variety of colour combinations, including white, pale green, pink, red and purple.

3. 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 petals and sepals).

4. 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. 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.

7. Lily-of-the-valley shrub (Pieris japonica): These evergreen shrubs have clusters of heavenly-scented white or pink bell-shaped flowers that attract bees in early spring.

8. 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.

9. Maze: Our maze is fun to explore and beautiful to look at! The zigzag pattern of the bright green cedar hedge is lovely when viewed from atop the nearby hill.

10. BC Habitat Garden: A forest of native trees, ferns, flowering perennials and shrubs that support wildlife with food, shelter and nesting habitat, while showcasing the beauty of our native plants.
This guide is a reflection of blooms that typically occur during the month of March. Depending on seasonal weather patterns, some featured plants may not be in bloom during your visit today.