

VANDUSEN GARDEN MARCH BLOOM GUIDE

Use this bloom guide to help you find what is currently in bloom! **VanDusen Botanical Garden is home to 7,500 taxa (unique species and varieties) in 70 curated collections.** Discover intensely fragrant flowers, edible and medicinal plants, rare and endangered species, and many more botanical treasures. Some collections feature plants that are closely related, while others include plants from specific regions or habitats. Here we highlight just a few of the plants that are of interest today. Enjoy!

Use the bloom map to find these plants during your garden visit.

Map Numbers:

- 1 White flowering currant (*Ribes sanguineum* 'White Icicle')
- 2 Kobushi (*Magnolia kobus*)
- 3 Hybrid hellebore (*Helleborus* × *hybridus*)
- 4 Daffodil (*Narcissus*)
- 5 Heather Garden
- 6 Pink weeping spring cherry or beni-shidare (*Prunus subhirtella* var. *pendula* 'Beni-shidare')
- 7 Lily-of-the-valley shrub (*Pieris japonica*)
- 8 Buttercup winterhazel (*Corylopsis pauciflora*)
- 9 Maze
- 10 BC Habitat Garden



1 White 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 Kobushi (*Magnolia kobus*): A Japanese magnolia that sheds its fuzzy, protective bud scales in late winter to unfurl a cloud of white blooms that cover the tree. Magnolias are ancient flowers with tepals instead of separate petals and sepals.



3 Hybrid hellebore (*Helleborus* × *hybridus*): The blooms of these evergreen, winter-blooming perennials come in stunning combinations of white, pink, purple, chocolate and lime green.



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.



5 Heather Garden: White, pink and purple heaths and heathers, with a grove of Scot's pine overlooking Heather Pond - a scene reminiscent of the Scottish Highlands and moors.



6 Pink weeping spring cherry or beni-shidare (*Prunus subhirtella* var. *pendula* 'Beni-shidare'): Bordering the path through the Honorable David C. Lam Cherry Grove, these are the first cherries to bloom at VanDusen each spring. Their graceful weeping 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 Buttercup winterhazel (*Corylopsis pauciflora*): This large shrub is a staff favourite! Covered in dangling clusters of butter-yellow flowers, it brightens up the woodland garden and provides nectar for bees and hummingbirds.



9 Maze: Our traditional Elizabethan hedge maze is made up of over 3,000 bright green pyramidal cedars and is fun to explore!



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.



