

VANDUSEN GARDEN APRIL 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 Wakerobin (*Trillium*)
- 2 Kobushi (*Magnolia kobus*)
- 3 Lake Lolog barberry (*Berberis x lologensis*)
- 4 Yellow trout lily (*Erythronium 'Kondo'*)
- 5 Daffodil (*Narcissus*)
- 6 *Acer palmatum* "Shindeshōjō"
- 7 *Camellia* 'Debutante'
- 8 Oxlip (*Primula elatior*)
- 9 *Rhododendron*
- 10 Pink weeping spring cherry or beni-shidare (*Prunus subhirtella* var. *pendula* 'Beni-shidare')



1 Wakerobin (*Trillium*): The white, yellow or purple flowers of these iconic woodland perennials have three large petals and three green sepals, rising over a whorl of three oval leaves.



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



4 Yellow trout lily (*Erythronium 'Kondo'*): Masses of these nodding yellow flowers with mottled foliage put on a brief but stunning show before going dormant in late spring. '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* 'Shindeshōjō': This little maple's leaves emerge a blazing red to salmon-pink, fading to light green over summer. Look for it off the main *Rhododendron* Walk path, glowing among the dark green foliage of its 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 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 blooms in nearly every size and colour imaginable. Some are even scented!

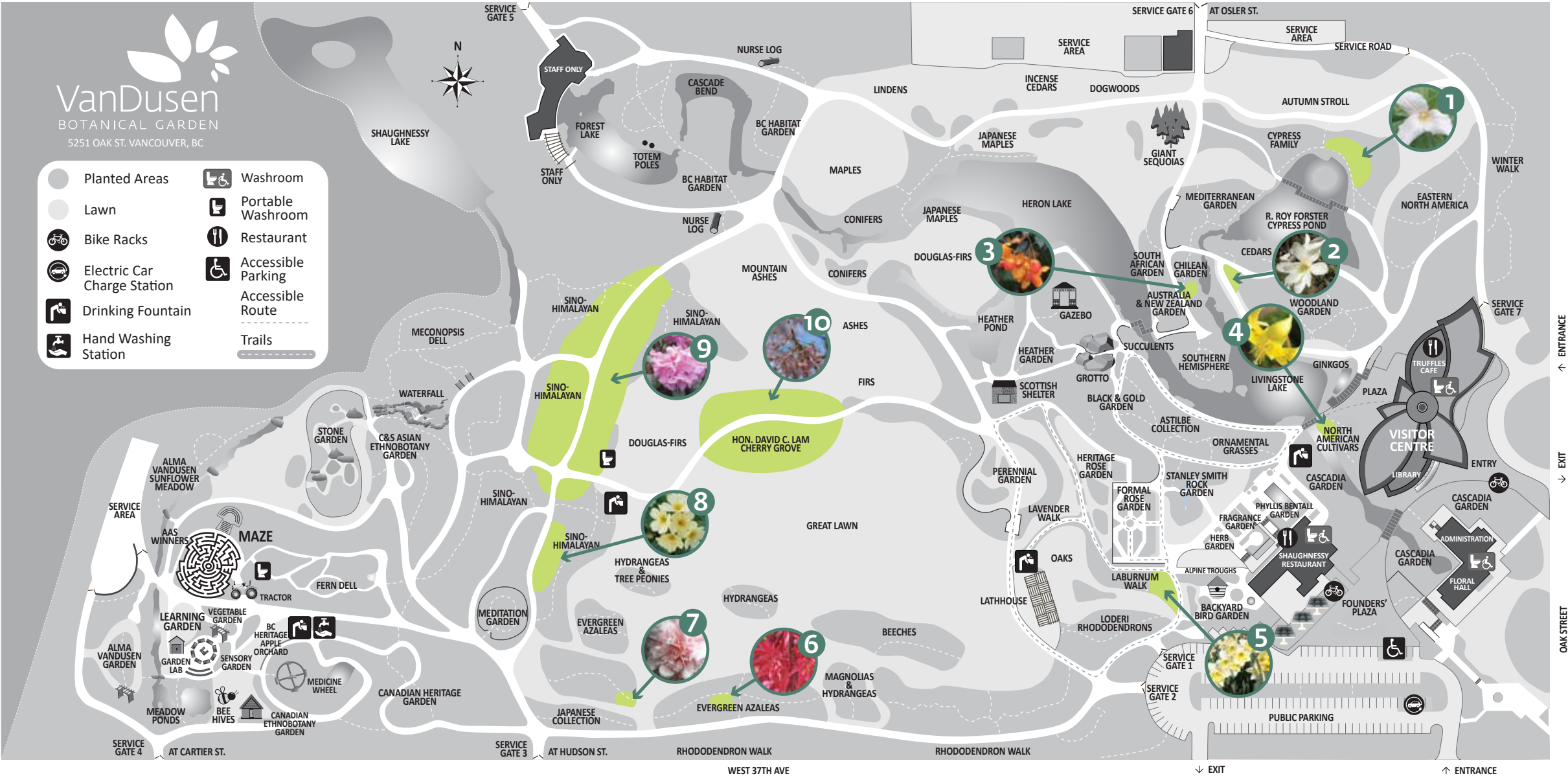


10 Pink weeping spring cherry or beni-shidare (*Prunus subhirtella* var. *pendula* 'Beni-shidare'): Bordering the path through the Honorable David C. Lam Cherry Grove, these are the first cherries in our collection to bloom each year, with slender weeping branches covered in tiny pink blossoms.



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- Planted Areas
- Lawn
- Bike Racks
- Electric Car Charge Station
- Drinking Fountain
- Hand Washing Station
- Washroom
- Portable Washroom
- Restaurant
- Accessible Parking
- Accessible Route
- Trails



This guide is a reflection of blooms and garden highlights 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.