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## Discover dazzling spring wildflowers, while they last!

GENEVA, IL — As the dreary days of winter pass, beautiful spring wildflowers slowly emerge. The woodland plants bloom and capture sunlight before it's blocked by the growth of leaves on trees overhead.

Spring ephemerals don't last very long, as the name suggests. They are the first wildflowers to appear each year, with some even blooming through the snow. By early June, their dazzling flower display is over. This spring, become a community scientist and help track when and where spring ephemerals are emerging around Kane County.



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Simply enjoy woodland walks anywhere in the county (a forest preserve, a park, or your own backyard) from March 1 - May 31, observing ephemerals in bloom. When you see a woodland wildflower, snap a photo and submit your observation on the free iNaturalist app under the project: **Kane County, IL: Spring 2023 Ephemeral**.



**SCAN ME!**

We'll help you learn many of the different ephemeral flower species with plant identification signs — sponsored by the Kane Forest Preserve Foundation — along woodland walks throughout Kane County. Stop back often to see new flowers in bloom as the season progresses, then use your newfound knowledge to explore other parts of the county. Signs will be placed at three forest preserves including: Bliss Woods Forest Preserve (5S660 Bliss Rd., Sugar Grove); Burnidge Forest Preserve (14N035 Coombs Rd., Elgin); and Johnson's Mound Forest Preserve (41W600 Hughes Rd., Elburn).

Come witness the emergence of spring wildflowers while they last! For more information, call 630-444-3190 or email [programs@kaneforest.com](mailto:programs@kaneforest.com).